

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING
July 14, 2015**

Members Present:

Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP, Chair
Mitch Rodriguez, MD, Secretary
Cynthia A. Mercer, MD
James W. Curran, MD
John Hauptert
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS
Katie C. Miller
Robert S. Harshman, MD

Members Absent:

Phillip L. Williams, PhD., Vice Chair

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on July 14, 2015, at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, in the 5th Floor board room. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Dr. Cheek called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

Dr. Rodriguez called roll. All members are present except for Dr. Williams.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Cheek presented the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Cheek motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Fitzgerald gave the board an update on activities within the Department of Public Health.

New Board Member

Commissioner Fitzgerald swore in the new Board of Public Health member, Mr. John Hauptert and gave a brief introduction of his background.

Action Items

- Appointment of Chair for SFY2016. After discussion, Dr. Cheek nominated Dr. Williams to be the Chair for SFY2016. No other nominations were received. After a vote, Dr. Williams was appointed as the Chair for SFY2016 unanimously.
- Appointment of Vice Chair for SFY2016. After discussion, Dr. Harshman nominated Dr. Mercer to be the Vice Chair for SFY2016. No other nominations were received. After a vote, Dr. Mercer was appointed as the Vice Chair for SFY2016 unanimously.
- Appointment of Secretary for SFY2016. After discussion, Dr. Mercer nominated Dr. Taylor to be the Secretary for SFY2016. No other nominations were received. After a vote, Dr. Taylor was appointed as the Chair for SFY2016 unanimously.

Presentations

- Dr. Cherie Drenzek, State Epidemiologist for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on MERS, Ebola, and the Avian Influenza.
- Dr. Pat O'Neal, Health Protection Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Hospital System for Infectious Diseases.
- Dr. Jean O'Connor, Chronic Disease Prevention Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Heart Disease and Diabetes Program.
- Kelly Hermanns, UNHSI Program Consultant for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on Newborn Hearing Screenings.
- Donna Moore, Vital Records Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health and Shawn Ryan, Communications Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on the Low THC Oil Registry.

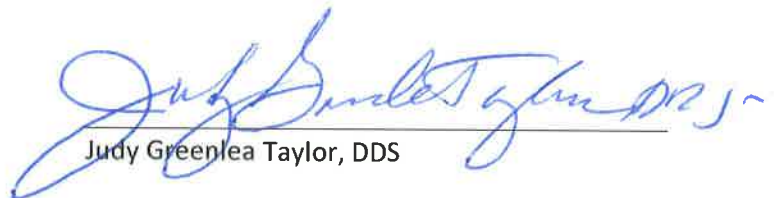
Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Cheek motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Dr. Cheek adjourned the meeting at 2:33 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.



Phillip Williams, PhD



Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda