MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING
June 13, 2017

Members Present:
Phillip L. Williams, PhD, Chair
Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Vice Chair
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS, Secretary
James Curran, MD
Mitch Rodriguez, MD

Members Absent:
Major General Joe Jarrard
John Haupert
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP
Robert S. Harshman, MD

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on June 13, 2017, at 2 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room of the Georgia Department of Public Health. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Dr. Greenlea Taylor called roll. All members are present except Mr. Haupert, Major General Jarrard, and Drs. Cheek and Harshman.

Approval of Minutes
Dr. Greenlea Taylor presented the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Greenlea Taylor motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Rodriguez 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.

Election of Board Officers
Dr. Williams motioned for the board to nominate board officers for SFY2018. After discussion, the board collectively nominated Dr. Mercer as board chair, Dr. Curran as board vice chair, and Dr. Harshman as board secretary. Dr. Williams motioned to approve the recommended nominations. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Presentations

- Mr. Kenneth Ray, Tobacco, Policy, System and Environmental Change Deputy Director for the Georgia Department of Public Heath presented on the Braves Stadium Tobacco-Free Policy. Special recognition was given to the Atlanta Braves, Suntrust Park, and the Cobb-Douglas Pubic Health Department for their contributions towards the Tobacco-Free Braves Stadium Policy Initiative.
• Dr. Cherie Drenzek, State Epidemiologist for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on the Zika Virus.

• Dr. J. Patrick O’Neal, Health Protection Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on the Opioid Outbreak.

Adjournment
There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Williams motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

Cynthia Mercer, MD  
Chair  

Robert Harshman, MD  
Secretary

Official Attachments:
1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda
June 13, 2017

Board Meeting Attendees

Board Members

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Guest Attendees

Alexandra King, GA Poison Center
Annalei Ashley, GA Southern University
Arlene Toole, GA-AAP
Barb Touchette, Citizen
Betsey Bates, Bates & Associates
David Sofferin, DBHDD
Drew Kay, Atlanta Braves
Grant Thomas, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
Heather Breeden, GDA
Jim Allen, Atlanta Braves
Keri Conley, GHA
Leonel Chancey, GA House Budget Office
Monica Johnson, DBHDD
Mozetta Jackson, AHA
Nelly Miles, GBI
Scott Maxwell, MTM Inc.
Shawn Smith, Sanofi Pasteur
Sophia Horn, GHA
Veronika Horton, Benedict University
Student

Department of Public Health Attendees

Alesia Gales
Anne Coleman
Brenda Fitzgerald
Collen Commons
Connie Smith
Dionne Denson
Donna Moore
Emma Bicego
Eric Jens
Huriyyah Lewis
Kenneth Ray
Lisa Dawson
Madonna Johnson
Meshell McCloud
Pat O’Neal
Paul Ruth
Rick Keheley
Sara Kroening
Shalonda Freeman
Yomi Fabayo
Yvette Daniels
PUBLIC NOTICE

Board of Public Health Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2 Peachtree St NW, 5th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, GA 30303

AGENDA

A. Call to Order .................................................. Phillip Williams, PhD

B. Roll Call ......................................................... Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS

C. Approval/Adoption of Minutes................................... Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS

D. Commissioner’s Update ......................................... Brenda Fitzgerald, MD

E. Board Elections ................................................ Phillip Williams, PhD

F. Other Items
      Pat O’Neal, MD

   b. Zika Update .................................................... Cherie Drenzek, DVM, MS

   c. Opioid Outbreak ................................................. Pat O’Neal, MD

   d. Closing Comments ................................................ Phillip Williams, PhD

G. Adjourn