

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
November 14, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Chair  
James Curran, MD, Vice Chair  
Robert S. Harshman, MD, Secretary  
Major General Joe Jarrard  
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP  
Phillip L. Williams, PhD

**Members Absent:**

John Haupt  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on November 14, 2017, at 2 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Mercer called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Dr. Harshman called roll. All members are present except Dr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Haupt.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Harshman presented the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Harshman motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner's Update**

Commissioner O'Neal gave the board an update on activities within the Department of Public Health.

**Other Presentations**

- Ms. Christine Wiggins, Chronic Disease Prevention, Planning and Partnerships Deputy Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Community Health Worker Initiative.
- Mr. Sid Barrett, General Counsel for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the department as a Regulatory Authority.
- Dr. Lara Jacobson, Health Promotion Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Infant Mortality.

- Mr. Lee Rudd, Chief Workforce Management Officer for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the department's Workforce Development Initiatives.

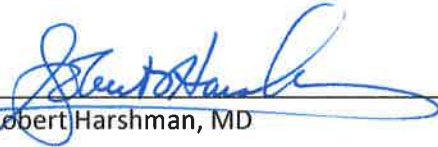
### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Dr. Mercer adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.



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Cynthia Mercer, MD  
Chair



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Robert Harshman, MD  
Secretary

### Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Board of Public Health Meeting**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2 Peachtree St NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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### **A G E N D A**

- A. Call to Order ..... Cindy Mercer, MD
- B. Roll Call ..... Robert Harshman, MD
- C. Approval/Adoption of Minutes ..... Robert Harshman, MD
- D. Commissioner's Update ..... J. Patrick O'Neal, MD
- E. Other Items
  - Community Health Worker Initiative .....Christine Wiggins, MS, CHES
  - DPH as a Regulatory Organization ..... Sid Barrett, JD
  - Infant Mortality..... Lara Jacobson, MD
  - Workforce Development ..... Lee Rudd
- F. Closing Comments ..... Cindy Mercer, MD
- G. Adjourn

**November 14, 2017**

**Board Meeting Attendees**

**Board Members**

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**Guest Attendees**

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Amy Krieg, Georgia Hospital Assoc.  
Bethany Sherrer, MAG  
Betsy Bates, Bates Assoc.

Emily Jones, March of Dimes  
Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins  
Scott Maxwell, M&M Inc.

**Georgia Department of Public Health Attendees**

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Bruce Jeffries  
Cheri Drenzek  
Chris Rustin  
Christine Wiggins  
Dionne Denson  
Huriyyah Lewis

J. Patrick O'Neal  
Keisha Dixon  
Kisha Wesley  
Lee Rudd  
LaToya Osmani  
Paul Ruth

Rick Keheley  
Sheila Pierce  
Sid Barrett  
Stewart Weaver  
Tanya Kenner-Bowen  
Valeria Newton-Lamb