

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
February 12, 2019**

Members Present:

Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Chair  
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS, MPH, FICD  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD  
John Hauptert, FACHE  
Phillip L. Williams, PhD

Members Absent:

James Curran, MD, Vice Chair

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on February 12, 2019 at 2 Peachtree Street Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The meeting was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the Georgia Department of Community Health. An agenda and a list of attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as attachments #1. Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Dr. Cheek called roll. All members were present except Dr. Curran.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Mercer presented the minutes of the November 14, 2018 and January 8, 2019 meeting for discussion and approval. The November meeting minutes passed unanimously. January's meetings had to be revised. General Major Joe Jarrad's name was corrected.

Commissioner's Update

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

- Commissioner O'Neal attended the Change of Command ceremony where Governor Brian Kemp spoke. The suggestion for the new general to become a member of the Department of Public Health Board was recommended.
- Fulton County Board of Health played a tremendous role in the Superbowl LII. Inspections were successful. However; there was an issue with game day credentials. Governor Kemp's office intervened. And the authorizations were passed out at 10:00 am on game day.
- Dr. Harshman's resignation was received. He's retiring and will be moving to Mexico. Another candidate from the business community was suggested to be appointed in his position.

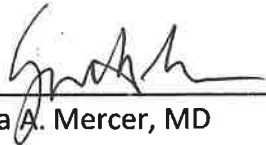
Additional Presentations

- The largest sporting event in the world, the Superbowl was a success. The planning started a year ago. The event was considered a mass causality event. Bio watch was used to monitor the Superbowl. All Bio watch results came back negative.
- Paige Jones presented on Title V. Title V is the oldest Federal State partnership that improves the health of all mothers, children, and youth. This also includes children and youth with special health.
- Deputy Commissioner/Chief Financial Officer, Dionne Denson spoke about the budget for the Department of Public Health.

Adjournment

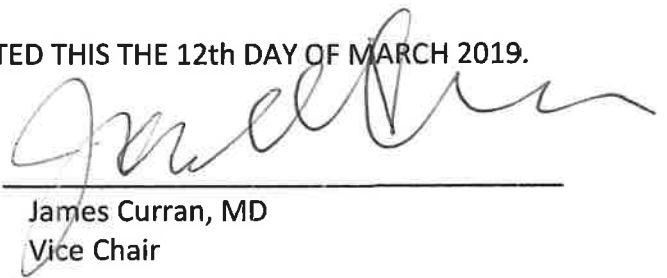
There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Cheek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Mercer adjourned the meeting at 1:51 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF MARCH 2019.



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Cynthia A. Mercer, MD  
Chair



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James Curran, MD  
Vice Chair

Official Attachment:

1. Agenda
2. List of Attendees

## **Board Members**

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## **Guest Attendees**

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Scott Maxwell, M&M Inc  
Noreen Dahill, GA AAP  
Becca Hollern, GHA  
Keisha Johnson, Mercer  
Jamillia Shields, HMHB  
Eucheria Ekwemngo, HMHB

Camille Warrick, Mercer Student  
John Callahan, FC BOH  
Rose Cavdle, Mercer  
Wendy Smith, FC BOH

## **Georgia Department of Public Health Attendees**

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Juliette Merchant  
Sherry Richardson  
Russell Aubry  
Demetrice Amos  
Yvette Daniels  
Karl Soetebier  
Bruce Jefferies  
Paige Jones  
Jessica Pavlrex  
Scott Minarcine  
Huriayyah Lewis

Chris Rustin  
Keisha Dixon  
Dionne Denson  
Shavaughn Swain  
Keisha Wesley  
Cherie Drevyall  
Rick Keheley  
Jimmie Smith  
Eric Jones  
Meshell McCloud  
LaToya Osmani

Rebekah Chance  
Linda Tran

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