



## LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 11:30 AM  
Harris Building | Conference Room 234  
1020 6th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



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11:30 AM Board of Health Business Meeting

Call to Order - Dr. Dustin Arnold, Chair

**Dr. Dustin Arnold, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.**

**Board of Health Present: Dr. Dustin Arnold, Erica Bernard, Sami Scheetz, Melissa Walker, Lisa Epp (legal)**

**Linn County Public Health Members Present: Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Clifton White, Administration Division Manager; Heather Meador, Clinical Services Branch Manager; Dustin Hinrichs, Food and Aquatic Safety, Tattoo Tanning Branch Manager; Ruby Perin, Healthy Homes Branch Manager; Amy Blake, Assessment & Health Promotion Manager; Diane Midcalf, Office Manager; Julie Stephens, Emergency Preparedness; Mollie Swayne, Communications Specialist; Mechelle Roney, Application Support Analyst; Anne Carter, Community Health Program Manager; Anthony Daugherty, Senior Air Quality Scientist and Becca Orth, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)**

Recognize Guests and Staff - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director

**Guests Present: Chris Taylor, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**

Public Comment: Three Minute Limit per Speaker

**None**

Approve Agenda\*

**Motion made to approve agenda as presented**

**\*\*MSC Walker/Scheetz**

BOH member/s excused absences

**Linda Langston**

Approve Minutes\*

August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made to approve the above minutes as presented**

**\*\*MSC Scheetz/Walker**

Board of Health Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Dr. Dustin Arnold and Linda Langston, Co-Committee Chairs

August and September Financial Statements\*

**Motion made to approve August and September 2025 Finance Statements**

**\*\*MSC Bernard/Scheetz**

Policy and Government Relations Committee - Erica Bernard and Melissa Walker, Co-Committee Chairs

Health Director's Report during the Joint Meeting - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

Board of Health Attorney Report - Lisa Epp  
**Reviewing a way to start collecting unpaid fines**

Upcoming Meetings

**Policy & Government Relations Committee - November 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Finance Committee - November 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Board of Health Meeting - ~~November 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.~~ Moved to November 25, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.**

Adjournment

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.**

12:00 PM Break

### **12:30 PM Joint Meeting - Board of Health and Board of Supervisors**

Welcome and Call to Order Joint Meeting - Dr. Dustin Arnold, BOH Chair and Brandy Meisheid, BOS Chair

**Supervisor Meisheid, and Dr. Arnold Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.**

**Board of Health Present: Dr. Dustn Arnold, Erica Bernard, Sami Scheetz, Melissa Walker, Lisa Epp (legal)**

**Board of Supervisors Present: Chairperson Meisheid, Vice Chairperson Running-Marquardt and Supervisor Scheetz**

**Linn County Staff Present: Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Darrin Gage, Amanda Brown, Ana Brunscheen, Heather Meador, Dustin Hinrichs, Ruby Perin, Diane Midcalf, Mollie Swayne, Amy Blake, Mechelle Roney, Julie Stephens, Anthony Daugherty, Cindy Fiester, Alicia Steines, Megan Meyers, Daniel Ellickson, Mary Lukes, Seth Zimmerman, Cassidy Flory and Becca Orth**

**Legislative Representation: Rep. Elizabeth Wilson, Rep. Mollie Donahue, Rep. Cindy Golding, Kim Reem a Representative from U.S. Senator Joni Ernst's office, and Rochelle Fuller a Representative from Senator Grassley's Office**

**Other Guests Present: Mayor Nick AbouAssaly with Marion, Mayor Steve Dodson with Hiawatha, Mayor Jo Ann Beer with Fairfax, City Administrator Eldy Miller with Ely, Gary Grant Linn County Lobbyist and Chris Taylor with Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**

Release of the Linn County Public Health Annual Report

**Dr. Arnold and Dr. Dwivedi released Linn County Public Health's Annual Report**

Presentation - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

**Dr. Dwivedi shared the agency accomplishments and emerging issues**

Adjournment

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**

**1:30 PM Q & A**

\*Action items

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