OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting

In Person and Virtual Meeting: October 19, 2026

Board of Health Members in Attendance:

President Lindy Hinman, Vice President Amber Johnson, Morgan McMillan, Landrey Fagan,

BCPH Staff in Attendance:

Executive Director Lexi Nolen; Deputy Director Indira Gujral; Director of Finance and Administration Joel Wagner; Finance Manager Desiree Kazarosian; Environmental Health Division Manager Rachel Arndt; Communicable Disease and Emergency Management Division Manager Stephanie Faren; Family Health Division Manager Daphne McCabe; Budget Analyst Sarah DeVore; Water Quality Program Coordinator Erin Dodge; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Bob Belknap; Environmental Health Specialist Nickie Mercke; Executive Administrative Assistant Patrick Kuhnell; Administrative Specialist Dalia Mohamed.

Boulder County Staff in Attendance:

Senior Assistant County Attorney, Kate Haywood.

Members of the Public who Provided Comment:

Jeff Kidder, Cynthia Kidder

Meeting Called to Order.

Board President Hinman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked all participants to identify themselves for the record (see above). President Hinman declared that a quorum was present, that notice of this meeting was posted on the Board of Health website, and that the call-in information and address was included to allow for public participation. This meeting was held in hybrid-fashion with members of the board, staff, and members of the public meeting in-person and online.

ITEM 1. Public Comments on Unscheduled Agenda Items

None.

ITEM 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Board President Hinman made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member McMillan, to approve the August 10, 2026 Regular Board of Health minutes. With all Board Members present in favor of the motion, President Hinman declared the motion unanimously carried.

ITEM 3. Board Business: Board of Health Reappointment & Board Elections

Presenters: Lexi Nolen, Lindy Hinman, Patrick Kuhnell

Lindy Hinman was reappointed to the Board of Health by the Boulder Office of County Commissioners for another 5-year term until August 31, 2031.

Patrick Kuhnell outlined the President and Vice President roles and invited nominations for both positions. Lindy Hinman was nominated to continue as President, Amber Johnson was nominated to continue as Vice President, and the board voted unanimously in favor of both officers.

ITEM 4. Public Hearing: OWTS Variance Request 34712 Boulder Canyon Drive.

Presenter: Rachel Arndt, Nickie Mercke

Nickie Mercke presented the variance request for the three cabins at 34712 Boulder Canyon Drive, which are served by an unapproved, undocumented cesspool. Site constraints make it impossible to meet the required 20-foot setback from the seepage pit to cabins 2 and 3 while fitting a system large enough, the request is to reduce that setback to 10 feet. The water quality team recommended approval, citing the proposed treatment tanks and seepage-pit design, the low risk of effluent reaching the crawlspaces, and compliance with the other applicable setbacks.

Homeowners Jeff and Cynthia Kidder said that they had spent about 12 years and worked with several engineers trying to resolve the septic issue, which they had not expected when buying the property and which had kept them from making other improvements. They thanked Rachel, Nickie, Erin, the engineer, and the board for their help, saying the team was accessible and supportive and that they felt hopeful about the solution.

The board unanimously approved the variance with Board President Lindy Hinman making a motion seconded by Board Member Morgan McMillan.

ITEM 5. 2026 Budget Amendment.

Presenter: Desiree Kazarosian

Desiree Kazarosian presented the second 2026 budget amendment that includes a projected $273,412 increase in grant revenue, a 1.2% change to the overall budget, and a 3.6% change in grants, within the original 5% revision benchmark.

Board President Hinman moved to approve Resolution 2026-2, the second amendment to the 2026 budget. Board Vice President Johnson seconded the motion, with all Board Members present in favor of the motion, President Hinman declared the motion unanimously carried.

ITEM 4. Director’s Report.

Presenter: Lexi Nolen

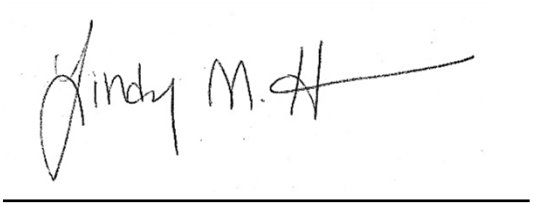
Executive Director Lexi Nolen Lexi Nolen highlighted the successful “Public Health in Action” event as a way to strengthen community understanding and partnerships. She reported rising flu activity and ongoing disease concerns, increased demand for several family and food programs, and a statewide decline in local public health agency revenue, alongside continued vaccine clinics despite limited staffing. She also described emergency management’s train-derailment exercise with Longmont and shared updates on the community newsletter, staff milestones, and an upcoming staff retreat.

ITEM 8. Old and New Business.

None.

ITEM 9. Adjournment.

Board President Hinman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Signed, Lindy Hinman,

Board President



Signed, Alexandra (Lexi) Nolen,

Executive Director