

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 2:00 p.m.
Benzie Community Resource Center -- Ingemar Johansson Conference Room
6051 Frankfort Hwy.
Benzonia, MI 49616**

Chairperson Gwenne Allgaier called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Len Mathieu – Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large
Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Excused:

Mark Walter – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Unexcused:

Dr. David Quimby – Leelanau County Member at Large

Staff Present:

Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director
Shelley Jablon – Director of Administrative Services
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health
Dan Thorell – Health Officer

Staff Excused:

Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the January 28, 2026, BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Voice Vote: 4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Voice Vote: 4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**

Public Comment

Lindy Evans from State Savings bank joined in.

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. BLDHD's Leadership Team has been working on revising the Personnel Policy Handbook. Over the past two years the Employee Committee has provided suggestions for various policy updates. The Leadership Team incorporated as many of these changes as possible. The Personnel Policy was reviewed and discussed during the Personnel and Finance Committee that met prior to the BOH meeting. The revisions were discussed there. The document

will be presented to employees for their review and comment. After that process is complete the Personnel Policy will be brought to the BOH for approval next month.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$158,958.22.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Mathieu- yea, Allgaier – yea, Kuiper – yea
4 yeas 0 nays 1 excused Motion carried

January Financial Statements

Motion By: Sauer to accept the financial statements as presented.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Roll Call Vote: Mathieu- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea
5 yeas 0 nays 1 excused Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. The Leelanau Early Childhood program will be submitting a summary of progress to the Leelanau County Commissioners to share the development that has been made in establishing the protocols/requirements for the day care reimbursement program.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Administrative – Shelley Jablon

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Public Comment – Lindy enjoyed the meeting

Board Comments – Mathieu's was introduced.

Adjourn

Motion By: Allgaier to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Voice Vote: 4 yeas 0 nays 1 excused **Motion carried**

Gwenne Allgaier, Chair

Shelley Jablon, Recording Secretary