



**CITY OF GARY**  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD  
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

## GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

4:00PM

### **In attendance**

Dr. Linda Gunn, PHD, CHPRM, ACC, President, Board Member  
Dr. Janet Seabrook- MD, MBA, Health Commissioner  
Veronica Collins-Ellis, MPA, Executive Director  
Dr. Eugene Boone, D.D.S.  
Celona Hayes- Assistant City Attorney II  
Albert Gay- Managing Partner, Chief of Development, and a Master Trainer for SheRay's & Associates, LLC & TTJ Group, Board Member  
Dr. Matthew Tipton, MD  
Dr. Steve Simpson, M.D.

### **Not in attendance**

Will Miller- MBA, OWDS, Vice Chairperson Gary Republican Party, Professor/Teacher, Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:09pm.

The meeting began with the reviewing of the minutes from the previous meeting in September. There was one correction that needed to be made. Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve the minutes with the one correction. Mr. Gay made the motion. Dr. Tipton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was carried. Mrs. Collins-Ellis shared with the Board that all of the food establishments that were previously discussed are back open. The Board had questions about the specific criteria that is followed when establishments are shut down. The Task Force can close a business due to the following: fire hazards, building issues, and having products that are low quality. The Health Inspectors are assigned to follow-up with establishments on a weekly basis to ensure compliance. Food Trucks are also being inspected after hours to cover all grounds. The Board suggested that there should be a stipulation in order for owners to renew their license. For example, requiring businesses to attend the annual Food Establishment meeting in order to receive their license.

Mrs. Collins-Ellis made the Board aware that the GHD had been receiving threats. The client was under the impression that their information had been leaked. The State informed the Health Department of another threat from the same client and the GHD had to shut down. Mrs. Collins-Ellis involved the authorities in this matter to ensure the safety of GHD Staff. There was also a meeting with the STI Department regarding confidentiality to prevent these situations from happening. In the near future, the GHD will be re-locating to the Hudson & Campbell. The goal is to section off each department to keep everything discreet. The meeting concluded with suggestions on how to keep the air and area sanitary at the new GHD location and the projected year for the move is 2026.

Meeting adjourned @5:28pm

Submitted by:  
Karynton Holliday  
Recording Secretary