



**CITY OF GARY**  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD  
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

## GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 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

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

Albert Gay- Managing Partner, Chief of Development, and a Master Trainer for SheRay's & Associates, LLC & TTJ Group, Board Member

Dr. Matthew Tipton, MD **(On Phone)**

### **Not in attendance**

Dr. Steve Simpson, M.D.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:02pm.

The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting in June. Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve minutes. Dr. Boone made a motion. Dr. Tipton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was carried. The meeting continued with announcements from Dr. Seabrook and Mrs. Collins-Ellis. The City of Gary Task Force have been closing Food Establishments due to non-compliance. Dr. Seabrook emphasized that the GHD is not solely responsible when establishments are shut-down. The Task Force consist of the Fire, Building, and Health Department. There was a suggestion made that the closure signs should not just have the Health Department's name posted, but the ordinances that were broken. The Task Force found a wide-range of health, plumbing, electrical, and building issues. The establishments that were closed were Vee & E, Jerk2Go, Kings Wings & Things, Knockouts, Sam's Grocery Store, Miller K Market, and Save More. Ms. Hayes shared that when establishments pay for violation fees they will be allocated to the specific department depending on the violation.

The Board addressed that there should be a timeline for businesses to rectify issues. The timeline would ensure that corrections were made in a thorough manner. All in all, the goal is to partner with businesses to keep the community safe. The Prenatal Department will be providing food boxes to help promote nutritional wellness when pregnant. An Insurance Navigator has been hired to assist constituents with enrolling in insurance. In addition, to the Narcan Vending Machines there are two new Narcan Kiosk. The Kiosk locations are Black Oak & Ridge Road. A total of 2,225 Narcan has been dispensed. Lastly, the Health Department is currently working on a better structure for documentation.

Meeting adjourned @4:54pm

Submitted by:  
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Recording Secretary