



CITY OF GARY
EDDIE D. MELTON
MAYOR

GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

KATRINA WALKER
DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

MAY 12, 2026

4:00PM

In attendance

Dr. Linda Gunn, PHD, CHPRM, ACC, President, Board Member
Katrina Walker, Director
Dr. Eugene Boone, D.D.S.
Celona Hayes- Assistant City Attorney II
Dr. Steve Simpson, M.D.
Albert Gay- Business Owner, Board Member
Will Miller, MBA OWDS, Chairman of the Gary GOP, Professor/Teacher

Not in attendance

Dr. Matthew Tipton, MD
Dr. Janet Seabrook- MD, MBA, Health Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:10pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held in March. Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gay carried the motion. Dr. Simpson 2nd. Motion carried. The GHD hired a medical biller there is currently 113 claims have been filed. The medical biller will be training with the Community Health Net staff to gain further knowledge in this area. Mr. Miller asked if there was a software to help with the billing cost. Ms. Walker would ask State once she has the opportunity to meet with them. Ms. Walker spoke with Ms. Hayes regarding raising the Health Department's prices, and Mr. Dumas (Chief of Staff) requested to put on hold until next year. In order to change prices ordinances will have to be amended and budgets will have to be changed. The Board suggested to curate an organized plan to present to the Council, so there is a clear understanding on why the prices need to change. The next goal is to transition to a cashless system. Vital Records are using multiple receipt books due to cash and electronic payments. If the registrars only take electronic payments they would not need so many books.

The Board asked if the receipts can be electronic as well. Ms. Walker shared that there has to be a software in place. There was suggestion to start connecting with companies and people that can assist with different tasks. Ms. Walker shared that there were a few issues with the scans for the birth and death records. There were documents that were not clearly printed and the registrars are not able to locate documents. The Law Department will be handling this matter moving forward. In addition, there was a suggestion to possibly invest in IT personnel. This could help when Vital Records has electronic issues. The meeting concluded with announcements, the GHD will be hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, May 31st.

Meeting adjourned @5:19pm

Submitted by:
Karynton Holliday
Recording Secretary