



CITY OF GARY
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GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

KATRINA WALKER
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

MARCH 10, 2026

4:00PM

In attendance

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

Not in attendance

Will Miller, MBA OWDS, Chairman of the Gary GOP, Professor/Teacher

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:05pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held in January. Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Boone carried the motion. Dr. Simpson 2nd. Motion carried. The Board welcomed Interim Executive Director, Katrina Walker. Ms. Walker shared her introduction and goals for the Gary Health Department. One of the main goals is to make the Health Department self-sufficient. Currently, there are Staff that are being paid off of grants. Staff run the risk of loosing their jobs if the grants are exhausted or cut. It is preferred for grants to be supplemental and not a necessity. The GHD has hired a Medical Biller and it is projected to hire a fourth Health Inspector. Ms. Walker presented one method to make GHD self-sufficient is to ensure the Environmental Health Division are out in the field inspecting businesses and checking for violations. Ms. Walker would prefer to move to a cashless system when taking payments; this would keep the Health Department uniform with other departments within the city. In addition, it was suggested for the Nursing Department fees to be raised.

Presently, the immunization fees are \$20 per person; the projection is to charge an administration fee for each vaccine. It is was also requested for there to be a \$35 fee for the QuantiFERON Gold. The Blood Test were not being charged when clients didn't have insurance. If the fees change it will aid with paying for supplies. Dr. Seabrook suggested for all Departments to meet and curate a report of their expenses to better determine new prices. Dr. Gunn called for a motion for the GHD to go cashless once the proper cost analysis is done. Mr. Gay carried the motion. Dr. Simpson 2nd. Motion was carried. Ms. Walker is endeavoring to get certifications to be able to service constituents more effectively within the Health Department. The meeting concluded with announcements. Ms. Walker had inquired for the Health Department to get a social media page. The Communications Team stated that only the Fire and Police Department can have their own. Dr. Gunn asked the Board if meetings should be held on the quarterly basis, it was asked to keep the bi-monthly meetings.

Meeting adjourned @5:21pm

Submitted by:
Karynton Holliday
Recording Secretary