

**Hamilton County General Health District
PUBLIC HEARING – BOARD OF HEALTH
October 14, 2019 – 6:15 p.m.
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

At 6:15 p.m., James Brett, President, called to order the public hearing of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: James Brett, President
Mark A. Rippe, Vice President
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.
Tracy A. Puthoff, Esq.

District Staff Present: Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner
Dr. Jennifer Mooney, Assistant Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Greg Varner, Finance Officer

Guests: Meheret Assefa, Uzoamaka Hodo, Lacie Durkin, Lisa Melcher, Anna Kuykendoll, Lesandie Griffin, Shannon Hines, Kamryn Igbonegun, Courtney James, Danyelle Burton, and Rabiya Irfan

3. Proposed Fee Adjustments Presentation, Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner

Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman reviewed the notification process, community feedback received, quantity of inspections, history of rate changes, cost methodology, proposed average fee increase, and comparison to neighboring county fees for the following programs:

Food Program
Public Swimming Pools and Spas
Campgrounds
Public Accommodation Facilities

Mr. Rippe asked about the written comment received in which the customer stated that the proposed fees are cheaper than what was paid last year for licensing. Mr. Kesterman explained that the fees being considered by the Board are local fees only. In addition to these fees, a state fee is collected for each license.

4. Public Comments

A member of the audience inquired about the new fee approval process. Mr. Brett explained how the proposed changes were reviewed by the Board at the September 9 meeting, public hearing notice postcards were mailed to all constituents, and the approval of proposed fees is on tonight's Board meeting agenda.

Mr. Brett thanked Mr. Kesterman for the excellent presentation.

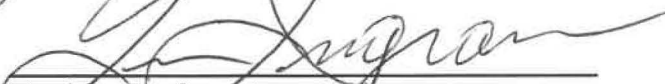
5. Adjournment

At 6:29 p.m. **Dr. Amend** moved to adjourn the public hearing; **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye



James Brett, President



Tim Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner