

BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 2:00 p.m.

Benzie Community Resource Center -- Ingemar Johansson Conference Room

6051 Frankfort Hwy.

Benzononia, MI 49616

Chairperson Gwenne Allgaier called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Dr. David Quimby - Leelanau County Member at Large

Len Mathieu - Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Gwenne Allgaier - Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Mark Walter - Leelanau County Board of Commissioners-came at 2:05 p.m.

Members Excused:

Dr. Mark Kuiper - Benzie County Member at Large

Members Unexcused: none

Staff Present:

Dan Thorell - Health Officer

Dr. Joshua Meyerson - Medical Director

Shelley Jablon - Director of Administrative Services

Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Bobbi Scott- Public Health Supervisor

Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Staff Excused: None

Guest Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the July 22, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the July 22, 2026, BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Quimby

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Public Comment: None

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$102,451.46.

Seconded By: Walter

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Quimby- yea, Allgaier – yea, Mathieu – yea, Walter-yea

5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

July Financial Statements

Motion By: Sauer to accept the financial statements as presented.

Seconded By: Walter

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Mathieu – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea, Walter- yea

5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Purchase of CDs from Honor Bank

Motion By: Mathieu moved that the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department purchase \$150,000 in six-month Certificates of Deposit from Honor Bank at the current 6% APY.

Seconded By: Walter

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Mathieu – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea, Walter- yea

5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

No report was distributed before the meeting. A brief update was given on Kratom.

This substance was discussed during the June BOH meeting. A state bill is being considered to ban the sale of synthesized Kratom products.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Administrative – Shelley Jablon

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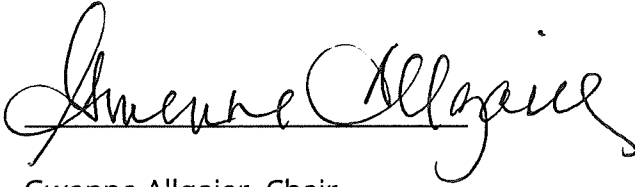
Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn

Motion By: Allgaier to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**

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Gwenne Allgaier, Chair

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Sanna Johnson, Recording Secretary