



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY CHSA Board
MINUTES
1/27/2026**

- Members:** Garrett Higdon-Engineer/Chair, John Shearl-County Commissioner, Barry Breeden-County Commissioner/ Optometrist position, Dr. Roy Lenzo- Veterinarian, Cortney Patrick- Pharmacist, Dr. Matt Corbin- Dentist/Vice Chair, Angela Stone- Nurse Representative, Dr. Nathan (Don) Feibelman III- General Public, Steve Grissim-General Public, Dr. Michael Toedt- Physician, Ava Ammons- General Public, Marc Hehn-General Public.
- Members Absent:** Angie Stone
- Staff Present:** Tammy Keezer, Eric Ridenour, Kim Dills, Christina Stamey, Lisa Browning, Allison Smith and Melissa Setzer
- Guests:** None
- Media:** Shelby Powell (The Franklin Press)
- Call to Order:** Garrett Higdon called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
- Approval of Agenda:** After calling the meeting to order, Garrett Higdon asked for approval of the agenda. Barry Breeden made a motion to approve the agenda. Cortney Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:40 p.m.
- Welcome/Intro/
Departures/
Recognition/
Announcements:** Garrett Higdon welcomed Ms. Dills as the new CHSA director, highlighting her leadership potential. Garrett Higdon then thanked Tammy Keezer for stepping up as

the interim director and leadership the last few months. Tammy Keezer finished off the Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition/ And Announcements section starting with welcoming the new board member Marc Hehn.

Tammy Keezer followed up by welcoming new staff members, announcing changes in job positions and departures as follows: Ian Baker-EH Specialist, Tanner Stamey-EH Specialist, Marcie Gibson-MOA, Sheila Corbin-Clerical, Aaron Coin-Clerical. Lexi Gibson has moved from Clerical to Animal Services, Caden wood has advanced from EH Specialist Tech to EH Specialist Associate and Autumn Johnson has moved from Finance to EH front desk. Jen Germain-Health Educator resigned.

Public Comment:

None

1. Presentation:

None

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Michael Toedt made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16th meeting. Steve Grissim seconded the motion. The motion passed from 10 members with 1 abstention from Marc Hehn at 6:43 p.m.

3. Old Business:

a. Adoption of the CHSA Board Policies and Procedures:

Tammy Keezer discussed the adoption of three policies approved by the Board of Commissioners: operating procedures, delegation of authority, and community involvement in public health that would also need to be voted on by the CHSA Board. Tammy Keezer also introduced the tobacco-free workplace policy that did not require a vote.

Approval to Adopt Policies:

Dr. Nathan (Don) Feibelman III made a motion to group all 3 new policies for approval. Steve Grissim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:46 p.m. Immediately following the motion, Barry Breeden made a motion to approve the policies. Matt Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:47 p.m.

**b. CHSA Board
Vacancies:**

Tammy Keezer outlined the vacancies on the board: optometrist, psychologist, and social worker. After Tammy Keezer announced the available seats, John Shearl read aloud and handed in his letter of resignation to the CHSA Board, citing the board's improvement and his intentions to stay involved. John Shearl requested the approval of his resignation from the board members. Garrett Higdon thanked John Shearl for his service and said it was a pleasure working with him. John Shearl stated that he felt the available seat will provide opportunity for another community professional to serve and contribute their professionalism.

4. New Business:

a. FY Budget Kick Off:

Melissa Setzer provided an overview of the budget process for MCPH, including the timeline and steps involved. Melissa Setzer explained the budgets are due from each department within MCPH by January 30, and the review process will begin in February.

**b. Election for Chair/
Vice Chair for CHSA
Board:**

Garrett Higdon explained that due to the consolidation and the forming of the new CHSA Board from the previous Board of Health, it was required that there be a reelection for Chair/Vice Chair. The new CHSA Director, Kim Dills opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Matt Corbin made a motion for Garrett Higdon to fill the chair position after explaining Mr. Higdon's dedication and advocacy that he currently had as the chair for Board of Health. Several board members agreed with Dr. Corbin's statements. Cortney Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:56 p.m.

Next, the newly appointed Chair, Garrett Higdon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Dr. Michael Toedt made a motion to elect Dr. Matt Corbin to remain in the position of Vice Chair. Barry Breeden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:58 p.m.

**5. Requested Agenda /
Discussion Items:**

None

6. Closed Session:

(If necessary, according to
N.C. Statute G.S. 143-318.11)

None

Adjournment:

Barry Breeden made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Nathan (Don) Feibelman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:01 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

February 24th, 2026

Minutes Recorded by:

Christina Stamey

