

Larimer County | Health and Environment

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Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524 Hybrid: In person: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, CSU Extension Room, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado; [Zoom](#)

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Board of Health Minutes

Attendance:

Board of Health Members:	Heather Weir, MPH, RD, President Ethnie Treick, Vice President Christy Bush, MHS, President Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, MD
Excused Absences:	Brian DelGrosso
Executive Secretary:	Tom Gonzales, MPH, Public Health Director
Staff:	Andrea Clement-Johnson, MS, Deputy Public Health Director Kori Solt, MPH, Communications and Technology Manager Bob McDonald, Environmental Health Services Director Matt Bauer, Communicable Disease & EPR Program Manager Dr. Jared Olson, PhD, Senior Population Epidemiologist Kimberly Baker, MLIS, Health in All Policies Coordinator Heather Gilmore, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Call to Order:

The President called the regular BoH meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Public Comment:

No public comment was made.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Approval of February 19, 2026 Minutes

Action – Dr. Bernard Birnbaum moved to approve the minutes as written. Ethnie Treick seconded the motion.
Motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

2. National Public Health Week Proclamation

Introduction of Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director, Bob McDonald, Environmental Health Services Director, and Kori Solt, Communications and Technology Manager, to provide a presentation on National Public Health Week, which they will also be delivering to the Board of County Commissioners during their Administrative Matters meeting on April 7, 2026. This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Action," highlights the importance of preparedness and proactive public health efforts, while also recognizing the vital contributions that support the community.

Action – Dr. Bernard Birnbaum moved to approve the joint proclamation designating April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week as written. Heather Weir seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Brief recess for photo. The meeting was called back to order by the President at 6:20 PM.

3. Child Fatality Review and Prevention

Introduction of Dr. Jared Olson, Senior Population Epidemiologist, to provide a presentation on child fatality data and prevention. He outlined key data trends and the leading causes of death among children, which include suicide, motor vehicle crashes, firearms, and sudden unexpected infant death. He also reviewed the Child Fatality Prevention System's collaborative approach to analyzing preventable deaths and identifying gaps, along with prevention strategies such as mini-grants for gun safety, substance use support programs, suicide fatality reviews with schools, and transportation-related safety initiatives.

4. Election of Board of Health Officers

Two leadership positions, president and vice president, are open for election this year, each serving a one-year term.

Action – Christy Bush nominated Heather Weir for appointment as President of the Board of Health. Ethnie Treick seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved with Dr. Birnbaum not present at the time of the vote.***

Action – Heather Weir nominated Ethnie Treick for appointment as Vice President of the Board of Health. Christy Bush seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved with Dr. Birnbaum not present at the time of the vote.***

Updates:

5. Director's Update

Tom Gonzales, the Public Health Director, guided the BoH through the Director's Report in the meeting packet, emphasizing the following key activities:

- The Director highlighted the achievement of a low-risk audit status confirmed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). He recognized John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager, and his team for their efforts in ensuring compliance with policies and procedures.
- Introduction of Matt Bauer, Communicable Disease & EPR Program Manager, who provided an update on a recent Measles case in Larimer County. He provided a detailed timeline of the response to the Measles outbreak, including the initial notification, contact tracing, and post-exposure prophylaxis. He also touched on the challenges of coordinating efforts with healthcare partners and addressing the needs of susceptible individuals. He also commended the teams for their swift collaboration and response.
- The Director noted that the March 2026 Policy Report was included in the packet for review and highlighted the Joint Budget Committee proposal to reduce local public health funding from \$3.3 million to \$1.5 million. He emphasized the importance of building trust with elected officials and effectively communicating the impact of local public health efforts.

6. Board Member Updates

The Board was reminded of an upcoming BoH vacancy as Dr. Bernard Birnbaum's term ends June 30, with four BoH applicants to be reviewed by Commissioner Kefalas next week. Additional reminders included the April 16 work session at 1:30 PM and completion of the BoH self-evaluation survey.

7. Adjourn

The President moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.