

Porter County Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026
155 Indiana Avenue, Commissioner's Chambers
Valparaiso, Indiana
Abbreviated Minutes

In Attendance: Dr. Chris Osan, Robyn Lane, Michelle Cherry, Dr. Kimberly Brunt, Dr. Linda Boxum, Sylvia Graham, Attorney Colby Barkes

Absent: Attorney Dave Hollenbeck and Dr. Amanda Alaniz

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Osan.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Chris Osan requested a motion to approve the previous month's regular meeting minutes. Dr. Linda Boxum made the motion to approve, and Sylvia Graham seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Announcements

The next Porter County Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st, 2026 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Porter County Administration Building in Valparaiso.

New Business

Dr. Osan requested a motion to approve the PHEP grant updates previously discussed at the last meeting. Dr. Boxum made the motion to approve, and Michelle Cherry seconded.

Old Business

None.

Reports of Board Attorney

Attorney Colby Barkes discussed weekly pool testing compliance including potential shutdowns vs. coordinated follow-ups when testing results are not in compliance. He also discussed university affiliate agreements and choice of law. He proposed requiring Indiana law and jurisdiction for department agreements. Dr. Osan requested a motion to approve. Michelle Cherry made the motion to approve, Dr. Linda Boxum seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 via roll-call vote.

Claims & Receipts

Dr. Chris Osan requested a motion to approve the claims and receipts. Vice Chairperson Robyn Lane made the motion to approve, Michelle Cherry seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Reports of Committees, Staff, and Health Officer

Foods Supervisor, Carrie Batson and Director of Nursing, Jessica Malher gave a detailed update on the Cyclospora parasite outbreak affecting water, soil, and produce.

Miscellaneous

None.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting Adjourned