

**Marion County Board of Health  
Special Board Appointments Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Tom Turner, Creighton Engel, Paula Strother, Elizabeth Franczyk, Kendra Taylor, Kyle Clark, Michael Morton, and Keith Kessler.

Others Present: Melissa Mallow, Administrator; Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary and Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Marion County Board of Health met on October 18, 2023 at the Marion County Health Department, Salem office. Kyle Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. QUORUM**

A quorum of eight board members were present.

**II. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**a. Board Appointments**

Melissa Mallow informed the Board of Health that at the September 26, 2023 County Board Meeting, the Board tabled the Board of Health reappointments of: Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk, Kendra Taylor, Kyle Clark, Michael Morton, and Dr. Seth Hahs. Reason being, a couple of County Board Members requested additional discussion regarding these members and their involvement during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith reached out to the Health Department Administrator, Melissa Mallow, requesting to contact the individuals up for reappointment to the Marion County Health Department Board and for those members to meet with the County Board Members on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Ms. Mallow read part of the Board of Health Bylaws to the Board of Health. The Bylaws state "The Board shall, within its jurisdiction, and professional and technical competence, enforce and observe all state laws pertaining to the preservation of health, and all county and municipal ordinances except as otherwise provided in this Division, as well as investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious disease or adopt measures, not inconsistent with the regulations of the State Department of Public Health, to arrest the progress the same", (Article V, Duties of the Board of Health). Ms. Mallow stated the Board of Health must have at least two physicians, a dentist and one member of the County Board, (Article I, Members). Also stating Dr. Seth Hahs was not on the Board of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the discussion of the Board of Health Bylaws, it was agreed that Ms. Mallow would give a presentation to the County Board at their October 24, 2023 board meeting. Ms. Mallow will discuss the Board of Health's Bylaws and the qualifications of the Board of Health members.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Tom Turner made a motion for adjournment at 7:37 p.m. Keith Kessler seconded the motion.

  
Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary

October 19, 2023  
*Date*