

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF May 21, 2025**

The Council convened a hybrid meeting via WebEx and at the  
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Sixth floor, Suite 680, Vancouver, Washington

**9:00 AM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Marshall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Yung – Present  
Belkot – Present  
Fuentes - Present  
Little – Present  
Marshall – Present

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

*NONE*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Approval of Minutes for April 23, 2025*

**ACTION:** Moved by Fuentes to **APPROVE** the minutes of April 23, 2025. Little seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Clark County Public Health Deputy Director Introduction
  - Introduced new Deputy Director Jeanette New York, who has extensive public health experience

**PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION**

- Benthic Algal Mats
  - Maggie Palomaki, Environmental Health Specialist, presented to Council
    - [Swim Beach Water Quality Program: a Highlight of Harmful Planktonic Algae Blooms and Benthic Algae Mats](#)
      - Discussed harmful algal blooms (HABs) and their impact on water quality and aquatic life.
      - Public Health conducts weekly monitoring for algal blooms from May to October.
      - Education and outreach efforts focus on raising awareness about harmful algal blooms and benthic mats.
      - Collaboration with regional agencies enhances communication about algal bloom advisories and safety measures.
      - Discussed risks of toxic algae blooms to both pets and humans, emphasizing awareness and education.
      - Highlighted the need for targeted outreach to pet owners and families at recreational areas.
      - Addressed concerns about pollution's impact on health, environment, and the urgency of public education.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Wynn Greich
2. Carmen DeLeon
3. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Councilor Yung was inquiring about the follow-up retreat for PHAC/BOH; Dr. Melnick advised him that is in the process of being scheduled.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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Sue Marshall, Chair

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Glen Yung, Board Member

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Michelle Belkot, Board Member

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Wil Fuentes, Board Member

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Matt Little, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Messinger, Clerk to the Board

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