

Chautauqua County Board of Health
MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Location: HRC 4th Floor Conference Room, 7 North Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757
Scribe: Amanda Reiner
YouTube Live Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCbT-iuhzg8&t=1176s>

ATTENDANCE:

BOH Members	P/A	BOH Members	P/A	Others Present	
Dr. Faulk*	P	Dawn Columbare	E	Jessica Wuerstle, Director of Environmental Health	
Matt Hanley	P	Kenneth Dahlgren	P	Steve Kilburn, Public Health Junior Planner	
Rick Ketcham	E	Dr. Kidder	P	Amanda Reiner, Resource Asst., Board of Health Scribe	
Dr. Khan	P	Dr. Krahn	E	Dr. Berke, County Physician	
Lacey Wilson*	P	Dr. Pender	P	Karen Engstrom	Molly D.
<i>*non-voting member</i>		Legislator Proctor	P	Heather Waygood	Ron Samuelson
		Mark Tarbrake	P	Luke Waygood	Susan Masters
				Cynthia Schalk	Mark Twichell
				Kathy Abbate	John Miller
				Sue B.	Douglas Conroe
				Jerry R.	Jane Conroe
				Marlene Samuelson	Aren Suber

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kidder.
Privilege of the Floor	Twenty-five (25) members of the public were in attendance during Privilege of the Floor to speak about wind turbines and battery energy storage systems (BESS). Sixteen (16) individuals signed the attendance sheet and are listed above. To hear statements made during Privilege of the Floor, please visit the YouTube link above.
Approval of 11/20/25 Minutes	Pender made a motion to approve the November 2025 minutes. 2 nd by Khan; all in favor; motion carried.

<p>New Business: Agreements to Settle</p>	<p>Agreements to settle were reviewed and discussed. As usual, there were several public water supply violations, as well as tobacco enforcement violations.</p>
<p>Hearing Officer Recommendations</p>	<p><u>Hearing Summary:</u> In the matter of A6 Properties, LLC the Hearing Officer, having determined that Respondent was properly served notice to appear, and upon owner’s failure to appear or request an adjournment, found owner in default and proceeded with the hearing in <i>absentia</i>. As a result, the Hearing Officer found the owner has violated Title 10 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 5-1.51(b)(Table 11) in that the Respondent has failed to timely submit the required water monitoring reports.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> The Board of Health, after review and discussion, unanimously voted in favor of adopting the Hearing Officer’s Findings of Fact and the recommended penalty amount.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Tarbrake made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer’s recommendation of a total fine of \$4,700.00. 2nd by Khan; all in favor; motion carried.</p> <p>The Board unanimously voted in favor to postpone the annual review of the Bylaws to next meeting, 3/19/26. Pender made a motion to postpone. 2nd by Hanley; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
<p>Annual Review of Bylaws</p>	<p>The Board unanimously voted in favor to postpone the annual review of the Bylaws to next meeting, 3/19/26. Pender made a motion to postpone. 2nd by Hanley; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
<p>Election of Officers</p>	<p>Pender made a motion to elect Kidder to serve as President for the next year; 2nd Hanley; all in favor; motion carried. Pender made a motion to elect Khan to serve as Vice President for the next year; 2nd by Hanley; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business: Review of Clean Indoor Air Act Waiver</p>	<p>After review and discussion regarding the current Indoor Air Act Waiver fees, the Board unanimously voted in favor of increasing the fees from \$300.00 per year to \$650.00 for 2026 and \$1,000.00 for 2027.</p> <p>Motion: Proctor made a motion to increase the Indoor Air Act Waiver fees. 2nd by Khan; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
<p>Director’s Report:</p>	<p><i>Board of Health Purpose: empowered by the NYS Public Health Law to formulate, promulgate and adopt public rules, regulations, orders and directions for the security of life and health in the county.</i></p> <p><u>New:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren General Labor & Delivery closed, effective January 13, 2026, further limiting access to Prenatal and OB/GYN care in the region. The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) staff are keeping maternal, infant and child health as a top priority and planning for the inevitable OB/GYN patients that will transfer to Chautauqua County for care.

<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new bill was introduced in 2025, the NYS Vaccine Authority Bill, which amends state Public Health and Education Law regarding vaccine schedule and authority. It will allow vaccine recommendations to be made by the NYS Commissioner of Health, as well as the federal CDC/Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP). It also removes the requirement in law for certain vaccines to follow CDC/ACIP recommendations as the default. • Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (CYSHCN) program was awarded \$39,932 of additional funds from NYS. CCHD and CYSHCN staff have developed a pilot program, "First Monday" which is a parent-child group offered monthly which includes transportation for families if/when necessary, children's free play, 'Cooking with Kids' groups, peer support for families and more. This will be offered in both North and South County. • A main focus for 2026 will be on policy development and system innovations that maintain a "Health Forward" standard with "Prosperity with purpose" approach, specifically relating to housing, zoning and enforcement standards. <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Department currently has 1 position in the HR process – 1 vacancy filled since September, down from 3 in July, 5 in May, 10 in March and 17 in January. Wendy Douglas is retiring this month after 24 years of service with the County. • CCHD staff finished the Community Health Assessment & Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) and submitted to NYSDOH in December 2025. It is published on our website: https://chautauquacountyny.gov/public-health/2025-2030-community-health-assessment-and-community-health-improvement-plan • A collaborative local stakeholder group has been formed and meeting regularly to provide Pediatric Dental Services with priority areas being workforce development, community engagement/access.
<p>Other</p>	<p>Pender proposed further discussion on Wind Turbines/BESS to be included on the agenda for the March meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Khan made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.</p>
<p>Future Meeting Dates</p>	<p>3/19/26, 5/21/26, 7/16/26, 9/17/26, 11/19/26</p>