

Chautauqua County Board of Health
MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, May 21, 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=H519QgO2cH8&t=7431s>

ATTENDENCE:

BOH Members	P/A	BOH Members	P/A	Others Present	
Dr. Faulk*	P	Dawn Columbare	P	Jessica Wuerstle, Director of Environmental Health	
Matt Hanley	P	Kenneth Dahlgren	P	Steve Kilburn, Public Health Junior Planner	
Rick Ketcham	P	Dr. Kidder	P	Amanda Reiner, Resource Assistant, Board of Health Scribe	
Dr. Khan	P	Dr. Krahn	E	Hannah Abram, Admin. Aide, Board of Health Scribe	
Lacey Wilson*	E	Dr. Pender	P	Dr Robert Berke, County Physician	
<i>*non-voting member</i>		Legislator Proctor	E	Karen Engstrom	Greg Bacon, Post Journal
		Mark Tarbrake	E	Craig Barmore	Marlene Samuelson
				Bill Perry	Ron Samuelson
				Carol Wynham	Ida Golden
				Kelly Perlette	Kathleen Abbate
				Morgan Perlette	Kris Bailey
				Jeff L.	Carl Feidler
				Joseph G.	Cheryl Feidler

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kidder.
Privilege of the Floor	Fifteen (15) members of the public were in attendance during Privilege of the Floor to speak about wind turbines and battery energy storage systems (BESS). To hear statements made during Privilege of the Floor, please visit the YouTube link above.
Approval of 3/19/26 Minutes	Khan made a motion to approve the March 2026 minutes. 2 nd by Hanley; all in favor; motion carried.
New Business: Agreements to Settle	Agreements to settle were reviewed and discussed. There were several public water supply violations.
Hearing Officer Recommendations	<p><u>Hearing Summary:</u> In the matter of NF Sparks, Inc, Case #26-33, it was determined that the Respondent sold tobacco products to an individual under the age of twenty-one (21).</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, plus two (2) points against the business' NYS tobacco retail license.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Khan made a motion for a total fine of \$650 and two (2) points on their NYS tobacco retail license. 2nd by Ketcham; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
	<p><u>Hearing Summary:</u> In the matter of NT Property Rentals, LLC, Case #26-17, it was determined that the Respondent failed to submit multiple required water samples and reports in 2025 resulting in 5 separate violations.</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 with an additional \$250 hearing fee. A typo was brought to attention in the first sentence of the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact & Recommendations indicating the hearing date was "May 12, 2025" and should be "May 12, 2026".</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Pender made a motion for a total fine of \$4,200. 2nd by Khan; all in favor; motion carried.</p>
Old Business: 2026 BOH Wind/BESS Letter	Pender made a motion to consider and discuss the Wind/BESS letter and bibliography drafted by the Board. After discussion, it was decided that no further revisions are needed to the letter. However, it was suggested that the bibliography should be condensed for ease of reading for municipalities. Ketcham made a motion to grant Wilson authority to make the suggested changes to the bibliography and distribute along with the letter to municipalities. 2 nd by Khan; all in favor; motion carried.

Director's Report:	In Wilson's absence, she provided her Director's Report for the Board's review. Kidder made note that Sherri Rater was awarded the Louis Charles Adler Commitment to Journalistic Excellence Award for her ongoing work promoting health and wellness topics in Chautauqua County.
Adjournment	Pender made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.
Future Meeting Dates	7/16/26, 9/17/26, 11/19/26

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