



Lanier County Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

February 27, 2026 | 12:00pm. | Lanier County Health Department

Members' Present

Jason Shaw, Chairman
John Paulson, Vice Chairman
Gene Culpepper
Patricia Gordon
Jennifer Durrance, RN
Alex Lee

Members Absent

Mayor Bill Darsey

Others Present

Dwain Butler
Allie Pridgen
Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH
Karen Harrison
Teresa Hritz
Terri Ball
Lauren Lee, RN
Amanda Taylor

Call to Order

Jason Shaw called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Shaw asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2025. Alex Lee motioned to approve. John Paulson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Updates - Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance

- Ms. Pridgen gave an overview of the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Public Health Updates – Dwain Butler, District Deputy Health Director

- Mr. Butler updated the board with the Quarterly Customer Feedback report for October to December 2025.
- Mr. Butler reminded board members of the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure.
- Mr. Butler stated South Health District continues to monitor the CDC and federal government changes. There are no cuts to present services.
- Mr. Butler noted public health travel restrictions still apply at least until April 4.
- Mr. Butler updated on Influenza.
- Mr. Butler discussed the Measles outbreak in South Carolina, stating there are 979 confirmed cases and 913 of those were not vaccinated. Mr. Butler stated Georgia has reported 2 cases in Bryan County.
- Mr. Butler stated South Health District is developing a building standards facility assessment, once completed it will be presented to the board for approval and then used to advise counties of needed repairs.
- Mr. Butler informed the board that South Health District held a billing and coding seminar.
- Mr. Butler reminded board members that services in the health department are available to them without any out-of-pocket expense.

Infectious Disease- Teresa Hritz, Infectious Disease Coordinator

- Ms. Hritz presented the board with a brief overview of the Infectious Disease within the South Health District

HOPWA- Terri Ball, Housing Program Coordinator

- Ms. Ball gave a quick description of the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS.

Health Department Updates- Lauren Lee, RN, County Nurse Manager

- Ms. Lee reviewed Lanier County Health Department Productivity Report for October to December 2025.

Environmental Health Updates- Dwain Butler

- Mr. Butler presented the Environmental Health Update and Food Service Reports from October to December 2025.

Epidemiology Updates- Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH

- Dr. Lowery provided the board with an Investigated Illness Report for October to December 2025.

Announcements

- Next meeting is May 22, 2026, at 12:00pm and will include approval of 2027 fiscal budget.

Adjournment

Mr. Shaw asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Culpepper made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Gordon, Board Secretary
Amanda Taylor, Typist