



Tift County Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

May 05, 2026, 12:30 PM | Tift County Health Department

Members Present

Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chair
Tina Moody, RN
Filiberto Hernandez
Mayor Julie Smith
Melissa Hughes
Celietha Curry Davis

Members Absent

Natalie Gore

Others Present

Dwain Butler
Karen Harrison
Allie Pridgen
April Robinson
Alex Collins
Holly Rountree
Mecca Lewis
Jessica Arnett
Kristy Dominy
Evan Brown
Michelle Maxwell
Mark J. Eanes, MD

Call to Order

- Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Approval of February 3, 2026 Minutes with Corrections

- Ms. Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve February 3, 2026 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Celietha Curry Davis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Proposed FY2027 Budget

- Mayor Julie Smith made a motion to approve the Proposed FY2027 budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tina Moody. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Business – Financial Updates (Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance)

- Mrs. Pridgen gave an update on Tift County's Revenue and Expense Summary Report and discussed the FY2025 Audit Report.

Public Health Updates (Mark J. Eanes, MD (District Health Director))

- Dr. Eanes recognized Victoria Rousey with WIC for 10 years of service.
- Dr. Eanes congratulated Kristy Dominy with Diversified Enterprises on being appointed to the Georgia Medicaid Advisory Council.
- Dr. Eanes announced Dwain Butler is receiving his Doctorate in Public Health.
- Dr. Eanes stated Department of Public Health continues with travel restrictions.
- Dr. Eanes announced the district is holding its annual Employee Development Day on May 7, 2026, and invited all board members to attend.
- Dr. Eanes stated the new electronic health records program is on hold.
- Dr. Eanes announced the district's Clinical Nursing Director will be retiring on May 29, 2026, and interviews are being conducted.

- Dr. Eanes updated the board on HB1096 passed stating that if a county employee moved into a state position, all benefit balances would be transferred to the state.
- Dr. Eanes stated the Perinatal Home Visiting Program will provide women with high-risk pregnancies with monitoring, education, and follow up care for one year after delivery and that we anticipate expansion to most or all of our counties.

WIC Updates (Holly Rountree (Nutrition Services Director))

- Ms. Rountree highlighted the services the WIC (Women, Infant and Children) Program provides to the community.

Nurse Manager Updates (Mecca Lewis, RN, County Nurse Manager)

- Ms. Lewis presented the Tift County Health Department Productivity Report.

Environmental Health Updates (Alex Collins, MPH)

- Mr. Collins presented the Tift County Environmental Health Update and Food Inspections Reports from January-March 2026.

Opioid Presentation (Jessica Arnett, Opioid Prevention)

- Ms. Arnett presented the Board with statistics of opioid use in Tift County.
- Ms. Arnett stated Tift County has 79 documented cases with drug overdose.
- Ms. Arnett stated there were 215 boxes of Narcan distributed to different organizations throughout the county including all Tift County schools.

Diversified Enterprises Updates (Kristy Dominy/Michelle Maxwell)

- Ms. Dominy introduced Michelle Maxwell to the Tift County Board of Health as the Business Operations Manager.
- Ms. Dominy presented Diversified Enterprise's Executive Summary Report, and Income Statement Report.
- Ms. Dominy stated all CPR certifications are current.
- Ms. Dominy announced an application has been submitted to Georgia Medicaid to become a provider of the Elderly and Disabled Waiver Services. Ms. Dominy stated there was no reply yet.

Announcements

- The next Board of Health meeting will be on August 4, 2026.

Adjournment

- Dr. Moreno adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Filiberto Hernandez, Board Secretary
April Robinson, Typist