

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING**

JUNE 23, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Kenneth Lalime, RPh; Frank Ehrlich, MD; Anthony Santella, DrPH; Joan McNeil, DNP; Janet Karpiak, MD; Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health

OTHERS: Dr. Katherine Golar, Medical Director; Aniella Fignon, Project Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Members present as noted above.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

Public participation was opened and closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

DR. SANTELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

DR. MCNIEL SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR REAPPOINTMENT

The Director presented the annual Medical Director reappointment and recognized Dr. Katherine Golar's contributions to the Health Department over the past year.

DR. SANTELLA MOVED TO REAPPOINT DR. KATHERINE GOLAR AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

DR. EHRLICH SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

Staff presented an overview of several existing Health Department policies being considered for decommissioning and conversion to operational protocols as part of ongoing policy management and accreditation efforts.

Board members discussed the distinction between policies and procedures, accreditation requirements, and documentation of operational responsibilities. Staff will provide additional information and return the item for consideration at a future meeting.

No action was taken.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

The Director provided an update on implementation of the Health Department Strategic Plan, including progress on workforce development, community engagement, program improvements, accreditation activities, quality improvement initiatives, technology enhancements, and planning for development of the Department's next strategic plan.

Board members discussed the upcoming strategic planning process and future Board participation.

No action was taken.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director provided updates on Health Department operations, including Environmental Health service improvements, implementation of new walk-in hours, public communication efforts, technology initiatives, and ongoing discussions regarding restaurant inspection transparency.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada Caballero