

State of Illinois
Counties of St. Clair
East Side Health District
Monday November 10, 2025

Proceedings of the Board of Health

A regular meeting of the Board of the East Side Health District in the City of East St. Louis, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, was held on Monday November 10, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Vanessa Chapman-Present; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Present; Roy Mosley, Jr-Present; Mark Kern - Present; Rickie Thomas-Absent. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Mark Kern.

Also Present:

Bhagya Kolli, Assist. Administrator.; Atty. Phil Rice

1. Approval of minutes from, October 14th, 2025.

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-

Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Yes; Roy Mosley, Jr - Yes;
Rickie Thomas. – Absent; Mark Kern- Yes. The Motion carried.

2. Administrators Report

- Grant Update –

Shutdown Status – Operations remain stable at this time.

DCEO Building Project – Progress on the adjacent building remains stalled;
additional funding is required to move forward.

Equitable Energy Grant – Awarded to support energy efficiency upgrades and expand solar initiatives across all clinic locations.

A request was made to Mr. McCall for an update regarding the ESHD School-Based Health Center being housed at the new high school location. This center provides an essential service that supports the health and well-being of students.

Dr. Ross (our Medical Director) is retiring from SIHF. SIHF provided only 10 days' notice that they will no longer cover the MD position, despite the contract requiring 90 days.

SIHF has indicated plans to discuss the future of partnerships with ESHD. ESHD board expressed interest to be present at the discussions.

We have engaged Dr. Ross directly, and he has agreed to continue serving as MD for ESHD as an independent contractor.

- Employee staffing update –

Recruitment efforts are underway via ZipRecruiter for a Nutritionist, RN, and MA/Billing Clerk.

Eight employees currently receiving SNAP benefits will be supported with a \$40 food voucher from the agency during this period of hardship.

Three employees who retired since June 30 have not yet received IMRF retirement benefits. Liz has contacted IMRF to expedite resolution but has received limited guidance. Attorney Phil Rice will enquire on the delay of the IMRF benefits.

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- The updated Tax Levy Ordinance for fiscal years 2025–2026 includes a proposed nominal increase. Following public notification, it will be presented to the Board for approval at the December meeting.
- Christmas Party, December 24, 2025 will be from 9am-2pm.

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-
Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Yes; Roy Mosley, Jr - Yes;
Rickie Thomas. – Absent; Mark Kern- Yes. The Motion carried.

3. Finance Committee Report

- Disbursements for September 2025

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-
Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Yes; Roy Mosley, Jr - Yes;
Rickie Thomas. – Absent; Mark Kern- Yes. The Motion carried.

4. Attorney's Report – None

5. Board Comments – none

6. Motion to adjourn until Monday, December 8, 2025

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-
Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Yes; Roy Mosley, Jr - Yes;
Rickie Thomas. – Absent; Mark Kern- Yes. The Motion carried.