

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

May 20, 2026

Regular Meeting

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Valerie Simon, Mr. Alvaro Medeiros, Mr. Bill Machado along with Ms. Jessica Mindo from Union County.

Dr. Komal Naik and Mrs. Carolyn Sayre were absent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026 Board of Health Meeting and seconded by Mrs. Valerie Simon. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

Presidents Report: no report

Health Officer's Report:

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Public Health

The Public Health Nurse completed immunization audits for 12 schools/daycares.

Communicable Disease Investigation

Berkeley Heights Cases 3/18/26 - 5/13/26	
Cases	Number of Cases
Hepatitis B	1
Lyme Disease	1
RSV	1
Novel Coronavirus	14
Total:	17

All communicable disease cases have been closed and approved by the State Department of Health. We have open Legionellosis water testing investigation in Runnells Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare.

Retail Food Inspections/Nuisance Complaints

Dog Bite	2
Plan review	3
Pre-opening	6
Reinspection	1
Routine inspection	3
Special Events	20
Temporary food	7
Other	1

Lead

There are no active lead cases currently.

Vaccination

Union County residents can access free immunization services and tuberculosis (TB) testing. Wellness visits are also available for uninsured children under the age of five residing in Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Hillside, Roselle, and Scotch Plains.

Union County Family Clinic

40 Parker Road

Elizabeth NJ

Basement Level

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

908-965-3687

908-965-386

Email: ucclinic@ucnj.org

Courses

Food Handler courses for food handlers in English and Spanish, available virtually and in person.

Food Safety webinar for food business owners is coming soon.

New Business

We are receiving many temporary food applications for upcoming BH events such as Block Party, FIFA events, Recreation concerts, Berkeley Swim Club, etc.

We are also receiving many plans from Connell to review new cafes and pools.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion on the chicken ordinance and Mr. Bill Machado will give another update at the September meeting.

Citizens Hearing: no report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bob Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08pm. A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Mrs. Valerie Simon to adjourn to September 16, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo