



OCONEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2025

Members Present: Mark Thomas, Brian Brodrick, Susanna Rains Moriarty, Michael Martin, Dr. Melissa Butler.

Staff Present: Dr. Goggans, Emily Eisenman, Sarah Peck, Keli Hinson, Apryl Singer, Miranda Bieber, Kathleen Wiltse, Bradley Brown, Jeff Thompson.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Oconee County Board of Health was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted in person at the Oconee County Health Department, with the option for virtual attendance via Microsoft Teams.

Mark Thomas called the meeting to order.

Item: Approval of Minutes- August

Action: Mark Thomas called for a motion to approve the August minutes as presented. Michael Martin made the motion, and Brian Brodrick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by all present.

Item: Old Business

Info: There was no old business.

Mark Thomas addressed the board and distributed an informational handout regarding Board membership and term limits. He explained various positions held by the board members and reviewed applicable term limits.

Item: Oath Of office

Action: Mark Thomas welcomed Dr. Melissa Butler as a new member of the Oconee County Board of Health. Following introductions Dr. Melissa Butler recited the Oath of Office.

Item: District updates- Dr. Goggans

Info: Dr. Goggans presented information on immunization schedules and discussed CDC recommendations in comparison to Georgia school immunization requirements, using the MMR vaccine as an example. Dr. Goggans reported that the MMR vaccination coverage remains high both in Georgia and nationally, although rates have declined in recent years. Dr. Goggans went on to explain that religious exemptions are increasing, though they still represent a small proportion of the population. Dr. Goggans also reviewed procedures related to school vaccine audits.

Item: Health Department update-Miranda Bieber

Info: Miranda Bieber presented a break down of vaccine audit results by grade level for the Oconee County schools.

Item: Environmental Health update

Info: Keli Hinson shared with board an overview of the total number of permits for Oconee County and shared with the board the 2025 Rabies report. (attached)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Mistretta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" being more prominent than the last name "Mistretta".

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Mistretta, Secretary