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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
123 Robert S. Kerr
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

7 **I. Call to Order**

8 Ronald Osterhout called the virtual meeting to order on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 1:19
9 p.m.

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11 **II. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

12 Board members present via videoconference: Charles Grim; R. Murali Krishna; Ronald
13 Osterhout; Bruce Storms (absent at roll call); Kinion Whittington; and Travis Wolff.

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15 Board members absent: Jenny Alexopoulos; Tim Starkey

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17 Central staff present via videoconference: Lance Frye, Commissioner of Health; Travis
18 Kirkpatrick, Deputy Commissioner, Health Innovation; Jennifer Lepard, Chief Operating
19 Officer; Nicole Nash, Chief Legal Counsel; Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner, Community
20 Health Services; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; Sommer Skinner, Chief Innovation Officer;
21 and Kathie Darr who served as recording secretary.

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23 **III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the October 6, 2020, Regular Meeting**

24 Grim moved board approval of the October 6 minutes as presented. Krishna provided a second.
25 Motion carried.

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27 Aye: Grim, Krishna, Osterhout, Whittington, Wolff

28 Absent: Alexopoulos, Starkey, Storms
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30 **IV. Discussion About Future Vision for Public Health**

31 Frye was recognized and affirmed the need for modernization within the state's public health
32 system. He discussed an opportunity to envision a framework that highlights Oklahoma as a
33 premier state with regard to public health standards and practices.

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35 Shawnee gave an update on a rural health pilot project currently developing in McCurtain
36 County and noted initiatives for enhancements to various public health components as they
37 relate to communications infrastructure, innovative models in healthcare settings, and
38 heightened reach and capacity with regard to resources. She noted a needs assessment and
39 upcoming evaluation within the pilot area that would help facilitate transition of the project
40 model into a new community.

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42 Reed briefed the board on the mobile concept noting efforts to reach people in their
43 communities and better understand the particular needs of each region in the state. Mobile vans,
44 he stated, had been delivered to almost all nine health regions and would be instrumental in
45 continued execution of the COVID vaccine program. He requested from board members
46 assistance in identifying clear assessments of local resources and development of local

1 improvement plans as well as input for an updated version of the Oklahoma Health
2 Improvement Plan which sunset in 2020.

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4 Storms entered the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

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6 **V. Discussion About the Role of the Board of Health**

7 Osterhout led board members in a dialogue about authority of the Board of Health and a formal
8 structure for information exchange with the department. Discussions related to meeting
9 frequency, board structure and clarity with regard to roles and overall alignment.

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11 **VI. Appoint Members to the Nominating Committee for 2021 Officers**

12 Osterhout stated that board president Starkey in his absence had requested appointment of
13 Osterhout and Alexopulos to the nominating committee to present a slate of officers for
14 approval at the May meeting.

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16 **VII. New Business**

17 No new business.

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19 **VIII. Adjournment**

20 Grim moved board approval to adjourn. Krishna provided a second. Motion carried.

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22 Aye: Grim, Krishna, Osterhout, Storms, Wolff

23 Absent: Alexopulos, Starkey, Whittington

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25 The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.