OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
August 13, 2021

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

I. Call to Order 
Charles Grim called the meeting to order on Friday, August 13, 2021, at 10:20 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum 
Board members present: Charles Grim, Murali Krishna, Jeffrey Lim, Ronald Osterhout, Bruce Storms, Kinion Whittington and Travis Wolff
Board members absent: Jenny Alexopulos

Central staff present: Lance Frye, Commissioner of Health; John Clark, Rulemaking Coordinator; Joy Fugett, Director, Policy and Planning; Jennifer Lepard, Chief Operating Officer; Bianca Moore, Executive Assistant; Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner, Community Health Services; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; and Kathie Darr who served as recording secretary

III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting 
Osterhout moved board approval of the May 11 minutes as presented. Krishna provided a second. Motion carried.

Aye: Grim, Krishna, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington, Wolff
Absent: Alexopulos
Abstain: Lim

IV. COVID-19 Variants and Vaccines – Dr. Gitanjali Pai, Chief Medical Officer 
Osterhout initiated a carryover discussion on board function from the March meeting and recognized Frye to share his proposal for utilizing board members in their advisory role capacity. Frye stated that he felt the most useful approach is to engage board members on an individual basis centered upon regional planning needs and areas of expertise. A more intentional but informal process, he said, would be most beneficial to pursuits of the department on behalf of the state. Board members discussed objectives for the August meeting including a review of administrative rules as they relate to board procedure and the need to meet in person via work session format to foster a more functional partnership.

V. Vaccine Distribution – Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner, Community Health Services 
On behalf of the nominating committee appointed at the March meeting of the Board of Health, Osterhout announced the selection of the slate of officers for 2021: President Charles Grim; Vice President R. Murali Krishna; and Secretary Travis Wolff, and requested a motion to approve.

Alexopulos moved board approval to accept the slate of 2021 officers. Storms provided a
second. Motion carried.

Aye: Alexopulos, Grim, Krishna, Osterhout, Storms, Wolff
Absent: Starkey, Whittington

VI. Agency Transformation – Dr. Lance Frye, Commissioner of Health

VII. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 310, Chapter 1, Procedures of the Oklahoma State Board of Health

VIII. New Business
No new business.

IX. Adjournment
Krishna moved board approval to adjourn. Osterhout provided a second. Motion carried.

Aye: Grim, Krishna, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington, Wolff
Absent: Alexopulos

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.