NEW JERSEY LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION
Regular Meeting Location
South Brunswick Municipal Building
*540 Ridge Avenue * South Brunswick, New Jersey*
*P.O. Box 5069 * Kendall Park, NJ 08824*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2026 * 10 am * By Zoom

1. Call to Order at 10:12 am
2. Salute to the Flag, President Roman
3. Attendance
   - Voting EXCOM Members Present — Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Joan Valas, Stephen Papenberg, Steve Ember, Robert Uhrik, Donna Lisi
   - Past Presidents Present (other than Elected Officers) — Christine Harris
   - Staff Present (Legal Counsel, Paid Secretary, Webmaster, Interns) — Julie Moy
   - Liaisons Present — None
   - Guests Present — Marilynn Bernstein, Glen Rock BOH President
   - Excused — Diana Lachman, Jojy Cheriyan, JoAnn Fields
   - Absent — Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
   May 9, 2026 – MSP – Saccenti, Ember
   Abstain: Papenberg, Lisi

5. Secretary's Report, Including Correspondence – Julie Moy: No report

6. President's Report
   President Roman introduced Marilynn Bernstein from Glen Rock BOH. Ms. Bernstein may be interested in joining the NJLBHA EXCOM.

   President Roman reminded all, that during NJPHA's statewide conference in 2025, we were allowed to present our awards during their awards program. President Roman spoke with Lisa Gulla about the possibility of collaborating again at their next event. NJPHA decided to host three regional meeting this year. Dr. Gulla did not see a problem with NJLBHA collaborating with them at their 2027 statewide meeting allowing us to present our awards at their event once again. President Roman stated that NJACCHO has their big event during the League of Municipalities and is not open for collaboration. The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) also hosts a big conference annually, however, they are not interested in working with another group during their event at this time. Mr. Uhrik stated that Derrik Webb is in line to be the next president of NJ Environmental Health Association (NJEHA) so President Roman should contact Mr. Webb.

   President Roman reported that he sent Board members the link to the grant directory for their review.

   President Roman reported that he sent the Executive Committee Organizational list that includes EXCOM members' contact information a second time.

   President Roman reported that we paid the $300 organizational membership fee to NJACCHO. He will be the primary member, and all EXCOM members would be secondary members, allowing members to access their website to forums and other activities on their site. Their next NJACCHO member meeting is Sept. 10th.

President Roman reported that 8 games, including the final match of the FIFA World Cup are being held in NJ. He stated that the Governor issued a competitive bid for $50 million dollars funding for towns to host Fan Festivals or viewings in various locations throughout NJ.

President Roman reported that the *Sail4th 250* will take place on July 3 and 4, 2026 in NYC. Dr. Novneet Sahu, as Deputy Commissioner of Public Health, is the State Dept. of Health team leader for the public health planning of these events.

7. Executive Vice President's Report — John Saccenti
   Mr. Saccenti reviewed the *Animal Welfare Bill* and summarized his findings. Mr. Saccenti will reach out to Osner Charles, who sent the information to President Roman for NJLBHA's comments. Mr. Ember's other organization takes care of community cats. Ms. Lisi stated that Franklin Township has a feral cat ordinance. There are fines if caught feeding cats. If you feed the cats, they become your responsibility.

   President Roman sent Mr. Saccenti an announcement from the Governor's office regarding her plans for data centers in NJ. Mr. Saccenti also received additional articles from other EXCOM members to review. He is continuing his research on data centers. Mr. Saccenti did not realize that the Council did not approve the Sentinel Data Center application; that it was the Planning Board's purview. President Roman explained the role of the Planning Board.

8. Treasurer's Report — Steven Ember
   Mr. Ember went over the financials. He received a few membership purchase orders to sign off on.

9. Presentation and Approval of Bills
   Julie Moy — May Meeting Invoice $100
   Cary Chelenza — $485 Invoice

   The motion was made to authorize the payments: MSP: Valas, Papenberg

10. Legal Counsel's Report — No report

11. Committee Reports:
    A. By-Laws — No report
    B. Finance — No report
    C. Membership — There was no update on membership numbers. Mr. Ember suggested we send out a letter to past members who have not responded; President Roman is sending out letters to those emails that were rejected.
    D. Legislative — President Roman had a meeting at Senator Gopal's office on June 3rd with Jenna Lopez. Three Bills are being developed: Public Health Priority Fund was reintroduced; Mandatory Education for Local Boards of Health; and the restoration of the authority of the Public Health Council are in process.
    E. Communications, Including Newsletter(s) and Website — No report
    F. Audit (as necessary) — No report
    G. Nominating (as necessary) — No report

12. Public Health Associations Collaborative Effort (PHACE)
    President Roman reported that PHACE received at $10,000 grant from the State through NJACCHO to build a website with a $2,500 supplemental grant. PHACE formed a committee to create this website. The money must be spent by June 30th.

PHACE voted to deny membership to the LINCS / County Health Officers Association due to duplicity of effort and no mechanism in the By–Laws to make this happen. The By–Laws' committee will review the process for possible changes.

President Roman reported that PHACE is looking to have a Legislative Day in the State Capitol on October 19, 2026. Each member organization will send representatives.

13. Public Health Institute (PHI) — No report
14. Public Health Council (PHC)
President Roman reported that the PHC reviewed the recommendation for the new Commissioner to eliminate the smoking exemption for the casinos. They are working on getting support from the Commissioner and talking to the Legislator to change the *NJ Clean Air Act* eliminating the casino exemption.

15. Liaison Reports — No report

16. Old Business
President Roman reported that he has begun working on the orientation manual updates. Once he is done, it will uploaded on our website. After that, he and Colleen Wharton will meet to discuss the mechanism to institute the new training program. Shereen Semple, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Local Public Health, may place the link to our new program on the licensing section of the State Dept. of Health's website.

IV Parties: Mr. Ember reported that he does not have an update at this time. They are hoping for an update from their attorney at their meeting on Thursday, June 11th. When the ordinance is completed, the BOH will present to the Council for them to adopt.

President Roman received a confidential email from Dr. Cheriyan, who has been the president of Bergenfield's BOH for many years, regarding the expenditure of Bergenfield BOH funds for the Mayor's Wellness Fund. The nurse who has been charging overtime for dance party events has resigned. Ms. Moy read an updated email from Dr. Cheriyan. Ms. Harris asked who approved the payments; President Roman explained how the payments were made.

17. New Business — No report
18. Educational Presentation (as necessary) — No report

19. General Discussion
Guest – Marilynn Bernstein, Glen Rock BOH President. Ms. Bernstein explained how they expend funds. They are contracted with the Bergen Co. Dept. of Health Services.

Next meeting dates:
July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 21 and live on December 19 at Mr. Saccenti's home.

20. Announcement of Next Meeting:
July 11, 2026 at 10:00 am
Zoom Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/93466224975
Meeting ID: 934 6622 4975

Dial by your location
929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 934 6622 4975

21. Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn at 11:16 am: MSP: Saccenti, Valas

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Moy

Julie M. Moy, Recording Secretary