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
July 11, 2026 * 10 am * By Zoom

1. Call to Order at 10:08 am
2. Salute to the Flag:
3. Attendance:
   - Voting EXCOM Members Present — Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Joan Valas, Stephen Papenberg, Steve Ember, Robert Uhrik, Jojy Cheriyan, Donna Lisi
   - Past Presidents Present (other than Elected Officers) —
   - Staff Present (Legal Counsel, Paid Secretary, Webmaster, Interns) — Julie Moy
   - Liaisons Present —
   - Guests Present — Maria Quigley (Florham Park Resident)
   - Excused — JoAnn Fields, Diana Lachman
   - Absent — Christine Harris, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
   June 6, 2026 – MSP – Ember, Valas
   Abstain: Cheriyan

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

6. President's Report
   President Roman reported that the Legislator added one million dollars to the DOH budget. He stated that only less than one half of the DOH budget comes from direct taxation and the rest is Federal funds. If Federal funds are cut, the State DOH and Human Services departments suffers. Dr. Washington has funds based on what was provided by the Governor. There has been basically no cut in DOH's budget. President Roman reported that there was a 5 million dollar transfer to the DOH budget to bolster two dedicated programs. He stated that the Legislator passed the Bill for Supplemental Appropriation at the last minute.

   President Roman reported that he sent a link for EXCOM to review from *Plan 4 Health*. We have some of our Health Officers working in this group, which is a subset of the State Planning Association, who are working to include health in the Master Plan. The Municipalities will have to be the ones to apply for the grants since the funds would go to the towns to use towards this project.

   President Roman reported that he sent EXCOM members the link to the DOH announcement from Dr. Washington's core leadership team. The team will include new people taking charge of a couple of divisions; President Roman recited the names and divisions as shown in the chart he sent.

   President Roman reported that the Franklin Township ABOH is hosting a seminar on the New Jersey State Health Assessment Data (NJSHAD) on July 16th by Zoom; he sent the link out to board members. Dr. Lisi provided additional information on the presentation.

   President Roman reported that he is still trying to get in touch with Derrick Webb and the possibility of working with NJ Environmental Health Association (NJEHA) in regard to awards.

President Roman reported on the *FIFA* activities and the public health aspect of the events.

President Roman reported that the *Sail4th 250* that took place on July 3 & 4, 2026 in NYC was a huge success.

7. Executive Vice President's Report — John Saccenti
Mr. Saccenti reported that he has not heard back from Osner Charles, Staff Lobbyist with MBI, regarding the *Assembly Bill A2105 and Senate S2864* on animal welfare.

Sentinel Data Center, South Brunswick; President Roman sent Mr. Saccenti information on data centers from the Governor's Office and the League of Municipalities. Information includes the restrictions the Legislation will impose on data centers. Mr. Saccenti stated that the electrical providers will have to absorb the additional cost to provide the service to the data centers and not pass the cost to the residential users. The community is becoming more aware of the dangers of data centers. South Brunswick will get an increase in tax revenue from the data center. Mr. Saccenti was recently made aware that the data center's application was presented and approved by the Planning Board. President Roman stated that a member of the Governing Body is appointed to the Planning Board, so the Governing Body should have been aware of the application.

President Roman responded to an email from Mr. Saccenti regarding membership. President Roman sent an email to Linda Brown for an inquiry about speaking at the League, but too early for a response. UPDATE, an invitation was sent to President Roman, who accepted.

8. Treasurer's Report — Steven Ember
Mr. Ember reviewed the financials. Mr. Ember received six renewal memberships.

9. Presentation and Approval of Bills
Julie Moy — June Meeting Invoice $100

The motion was made to authorize the payments: MSP: Cheriyan, Saccenti

10. Legal Counsel's Report — No report
11. Committee Reports:
    A. By–Laws — No report
    B. Finance — No report
    C. Membership —
    President Roman reported on the attempt to send out the membership renewal letters by email. All 564 towns were emailed, approximately 40 emails were blocked. President Roman will mail paper information to the blocked emails with Ms. Chelenza's help. Mr. Saccenti suggested the paper copy of the *On Board* newsletter be included. Dr. Lisi suggested to include our accomplishments to be included in the newsletter to attract members. There was continued discussion on membership marketing and our accomplishments. NJACCHO's website has continuous communications on their website. President Roman will invite Linda Brown from NJACCHO to speak to EXCOM members.

    Dr. Cheriyan provided an update of the misuse of public funds by Bergenfield Mayor's Wellness Program to host events that had nothing to do with public health. The nurse who was organizing the events has since resigned. It has been found that a large number of vaccinations are unaccounted for.

    D. Legislative — Previously discussed
    E. Communications, Including Newsletter(s) and Website

President Roman stated that the website needs to be updated; he will work on the updates in the Fall and will be asking EXCOM members to assist.

Training Program with Rutgers University School of Public Health: President Roman is still working on the orientation manual, and he has had on going communications with Colleen Wharton.

F. Audit — No report
G. Nominating Committee
President Roman stated he spoke with Marilynn Bernstein, Glen Rock BOH President. Ms. Berstein was interested in what was discussed and our goals and mission; however, at this time she is not available to join. She will reconsider after Labor Day.

12. Public Health Associations Collaborative Effort (PHACE)
President Roman reported that the new PHACE website should be completed in about a month. He explained how the Advocacy Committee from PHACE will be expanded with one representative from each PHACE organization being invited in addition to original the appointees. Advocacy Day by the Legislator in Trenton will be held in October 19, 2026; we will have a table.

13. Public Health Institute (PHI) — No report

14. Public Health Council (PHC) — The June meeting was cancelled

15. Liaison Reports — No report
16. Old Business — No report
17. New Business — No report
18. Educational Presentation — No report

19. General Discussion
President Roman opened the floor to the public. Marie Quigley, Florham Park resident did not have any comments.

20. Announcement of Next Meeting:
August 8, 2026 at 10:00 am
September 12, 2026
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 11:37 am: MSP: Cheriyan, Ember

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Moy

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Recording Secretary