

**Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
Board of Directors Meeting
March 18, 2026
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

APPROVED MINUTES

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

<1:00-4:00 PM>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Dr. Christopher Strang | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gil Kelley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair Dr. Mark Werner (DHS) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hasmik Mkrtchyan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Dr. Rudy Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Zana Sijan (WDNR alternate) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Corliss | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becca Fahney (WDNR alternate) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jon Audhya (SMPH) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Tran (DHS alternate) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Pils (DNR) | <input type="checkbox"/> Anna Benton (DHS alternate) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Blahnik | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Poehling (SMPH alternate) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Green-Harris | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Rowland | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Larson | |

WSLH STAFF PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Errin Rider | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Strebel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Benson | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Al Bateman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Karbowski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheila Jager |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Klawitter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tip Vandall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy McLean | |

GUESTS PRESENT: David Case from EPIC Systems was present as a listener.

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 1. ROLL CALL

WSLH Board Chair Dr. Chris Strang called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

At 1:03 PM WSLH Board Chair Dr. Chris Strang asked Sara Anderson to call the roll of Board Members and alternates. All board members or their designated representatives were present except for those excused.

Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 1:08 PM, Chair Dr. Chris Strang made a motion to approve the September 17, 2025 WSLH Board Meeting Minutes with the following correction – under the Members Present section Dr. Strang should be listed as Chair and Dr. Mark Werner should be listed as Vice-Chair. Greg Pils seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

No request to reorganize the agenda was made during the board meeting.

Item 4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public appearances occurred for this board meeting.

Item 5. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS

No business from the board members was mentioned amidst this board meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 6. BIOMONITORING OVERVIEW – Meshel Lange

Meshel Lange (WSLH Laboratory Manager for Chemical Emergency Response) alongside Dr. Carrie Tomasallo (DHS Section Manager for Environmental Epidemiology and Surveillance) and Dr. Amy Schultz (UW REACH Scientist for the Department of Population Health Sciences) worked together to provide a presentation on WSLH Biomonitoring with an emphasis on DHS Public Health Collaboration and the support provided to Population Health Research. Meshel shared with the board an overview of how Biomonitoring began within WSLH and the series of meetings, committees and applications it took to achieve a Laboratory Monitoring Program. Dr. Tomasallo continued the presentation by sharing information on previous biomonitoring projects – and the project occurring currently (*Wisconsin Rural Health Study: Assessing Disproportionate Exposure to Environmental Chemicals Among Communities*) – supported by

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DHS. This project outline, along with DHS’s collaboration alongside the WI State Laboratory of Hygiene on outbreak Investigations, was mentioned. Dr. Amy Schultz wrapped up this presentation by discussing the various ways in which the process of biomonitoring is a staple to Population Health Research and the surveys they conduct – such as the Survey of the Health Wisconsin (SHOW).

Item 7. FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY OVERVIEW PRESENTATION – Kayla Neuman

Kayla Neuman (WSLH Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Director) provided a Forensic Toxicology Overview Presentation. Kayla covered particulars to the Forensic Toxicology Program – including its laboratory accreditation, its customers, the role and anticipated workload of a WSLH Toxicologist. The workflow for full-scope drug testing within the department – alongside the list of quantifiable drugs plus the training provided to external stakeholders who will handle the material was shared. Kayla wrapped up the presentation by discussing the funding for Forensic Toxicology which included the State Driver Improvement Surcharge Fund.

Item 8. FINANCIAL REPORT – Tip Vandall (on behalf of Kevin Karbowski)

Tip Vandall, WSLH Accounts Receivable and Contracts Manager, stood in for Kevin Karbowski and provided the Financial Report to the Board of Directors. Tip requested that all board members review the financial reports available in the WSLH Board Meeting Packet and to contact her with any questions.

Item 9. CONTRACTS REPORT – Tip Vandall

Tip Vandall, WSLH Accounts Receivable and Contracts Manager, shared the contract report. A grand total of \$15.3 million in contracts were executed since September 2025. Tip shared that all contracts signed were renewals and the ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion will end on July 31, 2026.

Item 10. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Workday Update – Al Benson (on behalf of Kevin Karbowski)

Al Benson, WSLH IT Director, provided the Workday Update to the Board of Directors on behalf of Kevin Karbowski.

Public Relations Report – Jan Klawitter

WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter shared select items from the full Public Relations Report included in the December 17, 2025 board agenda packet.

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Adjourning

At 2:49 PM, Chair Dr. Chris Strang entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was offered by Hasmik Mkrtchyan and seconded by Dr. Mark Werner. The motion was passed unanimously, and the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM.