

MEMORANDUM – BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

TO:	Mayor Mike Johnston
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	18 December 2025
PURPOSE:	Appointments for Board of Public Health & Environment
PROCESS:	Mayor's Approval, then City Council Confirmation

Board Purpose: The Board's primary functions include adopting rules and regulations, reviewing requests for variances from department laws and hearing appeals of decisions of the department manager, and otherwise assisting the department in developing policies.

Board Appointment Process: The Board of Public Health is comprised of 9 members. Membership appointment to the Board of Environmental Health is determined at the discretion of the Mayor, with confirmation by City Council.

Appointment Candidates

Term: 1/1/2026-12/31/2030 or until a successor is duly appointed

#1 Recommended Candidate:



David Kim, MD
 (He/Him) (Male, Asian)

Retired CDC

BIOGRAPHY: David Kim is a physician with 30 years of public health experience: first as a medical epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), then as the Director (as delegated by the Assistant Secretary for Health) of the National Vaccine Program, Department of Health and Human Services. Complemented by his duties as a medical officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, David developed expertise in infectious disease epidemiology, immunization, and immigrant and refugee health.

To ground his work that public health is about people, David saw patients in HIV, TB, and refugee health clinics throughout his career. David also worked in and collaborated with state health departments to ground his work as a “Fed”, and took care to include professional organizations, advocacy groups, and industries in health policy discussions. David graduated from Lincoln High in Denver, earned BA and MA from Colorado College, and MD from the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Dr. Kim has an impressive resume demonstrating a wealth of traditional public health knowledge. His experience as Director of the National Vaccine Program during COVID is also a strong indicator of his expertise and leadership ability. Dr. Kim is also a Denver native, has a history of serving on local boards, and took the time to come to multiple Board meetings to observe and learn about the Board and its functions and areas of interest.

#2 Recommended Candidate:



Lindsey Myers
 (She/Her) (Female,
 White)

*Vice President,
 Association of State and
 Territorial Health Officials
 (ASTHO)*

BIOGRAPHY: Lindsey Myers is a visionary public health leader with over two decades of experience driving transformative change across local, state, and national public health systems. She currently serves as Vice President of Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure at ASTHO, a national association dedicated to supporting and advancing the work of health agencies. She leads strategic initiatives to strengthen public health infrastructure, modernize data systems, and improve workforce recruitment and retention.

Lindsey previously served as ASTHO's VP of Social and Behavioral Health, championing upstream, equity-focused approaches to prevent overdose, suicide, and adverse childhood experiences. She served for 13 years at CDPHE, leading statewide efforts in injury, suicide, overdose, and violence prevention. She is deeply committed to health equity and systems transformation. Lindsey holds an MPH in Chronic Disease Epidemiology from Yale University and a BA in Biochemistry and English from UC Boulder.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Lindsey's decades of experience, her tenure at CDPHE, and her current service as a VP in ASTHO, reflect significant traditional public health knowledge and leadership ability. Lindsey also has deep expertise in emerging public health issue areas that DDPHE is engaging with more, specifically prevention of injury, overdose, suicide, and violence.

#3 Recommended Candidate



Michael Young-Hall
 (He/Him) (Male, Black)

*Director of Operations,
 Adams County Health*

BIOGRAPHY: Michael leverages his business management and financial economics expertise gained through a Bachelor of Science in Business Management to lead transformational initiatives. Over the past 15 years, including a decade in the public sector, he has successfully led diverse teams of over 60 professionals, steered high-stakes projects, and navigated complex political landscapes with finesse. His leadership is characterized by a strong commitment to operational efficiency and strategic foresight, aimed at enhancing the department's ability to rapidly deploy resources and expertise to meet the dynamic needs of residents.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Michael has over a decade of experience leading large-scale initiatives, with significant expertise in organizational development, strategic planning, budgeting, process improvement and data-driven decision-making, all of which are important to understanding and improving public health infrastructure. He is currently Director of Operations for the Adams County Health Department and previously held management roles in public health in the Seattle region. In addition to having traditional public health knowledge and experience, Michael was also scored highly by the committee for his knowledge of the social determinants of health and his perspective on supporting marginalized communities.

CURRENT BOARD PROFILE

Board Member Name	Current Term Serving	Current Term End Date	Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino Origin
Kelli Curl, Chair	1	12/31/2027	Female	White	
Matthew Stratton, Vice	1	12/31/2029	Male	White	
Jessica Brody	1	12/31/2027	Female	White	
Catherine Cooney	2	12/31/2027	Female	White	
Genene Duran	2	12/31/2027	Female	Black	
Jim Garcia	2	12/31/2027	Male	Hispanic	Yes
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CURRENT BOARD DEMOGRAPHICS: [6/9 Total Mayoral Appointees](#)

GENDER	
Male	2
Female	4
Non-Binary	

HISPANIC ORIGIN
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RACE/ETHNICITY	
Black/African American	1
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, pacific Islander	0
Latino/ Hispanic	1
Native American	0
Two or more	
White	4
Other	