

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026~7:00PM**

This Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Municipal Building, 9 West Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08809 at 7:06 pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice about this meeting was sent to The Courier News and the Breeze News. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given; the secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Constance Del Rocco, Nina Dorey, Gennifer Hoffmeister, Kathryn Mastice, Carol Werner

Absent: Anna Bongiovi (Excused), Preni Nair (Excused)

Also Present: Himanshi Bhatt, Director, SCHD, Michael McCarty Deputy Director, SCHD, (out 7:50pm), Constance M. Del Rocco, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Board Member Dorey.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this point the Board of Health welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a written copy after making your comments. Please sign in by printing your name and address.

Jeff King 47 Vones Lane, Raritan Borough, 08869

Noted the Raritan Food Pantry was now open again. The Food Pantry will be open twice a month, the second Saturday and the last Tuesday of each month.

He noted the Senior meetings are on the second Wednesday and they will be meeting in the basement all purpose room for their meeting and usually lunch.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

President

Board Member Weiner motioned to nominate Board Member Dorey for President, seconded by Board Member Hoffmeister. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
		Dorey			X	
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
X		Werner	X			

Vice President

Board President Dorey motioned to nominate Board Member Hoffmeister for Vice President, seconded by Member Werner. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
		Hoffmeister			X	
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
	X	Werner	X			

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

November 2025

President Dorey motioned to except the November Minutes, seconded by Board Member Werner. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

President Dorey motioned to except the Registrar’s Report, seconded by Vice President Hoffmeister. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCIAL REMITTANCE

President Dorey motioned to except the BOH Financial Report, seconded by Vice-president Hoffmeister. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT

October 2025

Himanshi Bhatt, Director SCHD, Michael McCarty gave the following report:

Noted FIFA World Cup 2026 Public Health/Medical Planning Meeting, six weeks, June 19, 2026-July 19, 2026. 8 matches at MetLife Stadium and daily fan events at Liberty state Park. Planning is being led through state and county Offices of Emergency Management. Local health departments are expected to support preparedness through coordination with OEM, situational awareness, and continuity of routine public health services during the extended event period.

The Health Department will coordinate public health preparedness exercises over the next 2.5 years to support County’s public health emergency preparedness and response capabilities. Supporting collaboration and coordinated planning with community stakeholders reinforcing our commitment to protecting the public’s health.

It was also noted the local Health Department does not have direct regulatory authority over (Pop-up) IV hydration centers. There being no code or local public health regulation that would provide jurisdiction over these facilities.

The BOH asked about medical presence at these Pop-ups, and it was noted the need of an MD sign off but not necessarily present at the location. Nothing that can support local municipalities, questionable course of action.

The BOH will need more information from possible local municipalities that have these pop-ups with a health list guideline. It was noted a lot of information will be required before an ordinance could be considered.

To be discussed further.

Board President Dorey motioned to except Health Inspector’s Reports, seconded by Board Vice President Hoffmeister, Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

LIAISON REPORT

None Offered

OLD BUSINESS

Raritan Borough’s Rabies Clinic was on January 17, 2026, from 10:00am-12:00 noon. at the North Thompson Street Fire House. A total of 110 Dogs and Cats were vaccinated. Many nonperishable items were collected for the Raritan Food Bank.

It was noted after a brief discussion that the ABC Food inspection ordinance was still undecided. The BOH will look into this ordinance again in the future.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-01 2026 Board of Health Meeting Schedule

President Dorey motioned to except 2026-01, seconded by Member Weiner. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
		Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
	X	Werner	X			

2026-02 2026 Appointment of Board of Health Secretary

President Dorey motioned to Appointment C. Del Rocco, Board Secretary, seconded by Member Weiner. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco			X	
X		Dorey	X			
		Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
	X	Werner	X			

2026-03 2026 Board of Health Budget

Vice-president Hoffmeister motioned to approve except 2026-03, seconded by President Dorey. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
	X	Dorey	X			
X		Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice	X			
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

NEW BUSINESS

Procedure/Communications

It was noted by the Borough, communications needed to be improved between the Inspectors and the Borough.

The following are a few issues the Borough has with SCHD

Reasons why Food Establishments are issued a conditional
Results of reinspection's (pass/not pass)

No knowledge of sent/received food applications

Plan review approval, so establishment can apply for retail food license. These are just a few
issues.

After a discussion of the issues the BOH and SCHED decided the Director and Deputy Director
would have a conversation with SCHED Inspectors working in Raritan Borough to achieve better
communication.

Further discussion at the next BOH meeting on February 11, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Dorey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Werner. Motion
carried at 8:09pm. All BOH Members present in agreement.

Approval Date: 03/11/2016