

The Adams County Board of Health

The Adams County Board of Health (“Board”) will consist of five (5) volunteer Adams County residents appointed by the Adams County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). This Board will serve as the governing body of the [Adams County Health Department](#) (ACHD), whose purpose is to improve health outcomes and close health equity gaps in the communities we serve. We accomplish this through strategic partnerships, research, education and ensuring accessibility for all.

Board of Health Responsibilities

BOH responsibilities include promoting policies to improve public health, hiring and supervising Adams County Health Department’s Executive Director, approving the department’s budget, and providing oversight of department operations.

Specific duties and responsibilities include (1) selecting the agency’s public health director; (2) ensuring the agency is equipped with the necessary offices and facilities; (3) accepting, and through the public health director, using, dispersing, and administering all aid, property, services, or moneys allotted to the agency; (4) making agreements that may be required to receive such moneys or other assistance; and (5) issuing resolutions, ordinances, rules, policies, bylaws, and orders necessary for the proper administration and provision of core public health services.

Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule of the Adams County Board of Health will be set by board members during its first meeting. Regular Board of Health meetings will be held at-least once every three months, and likely more frequently, as determined by the Board.

As the inaugural Board of Health for Adams County, more frequent meetings will be needed in the first four months to accomplish all tasks needed to prepare the County’s new public health agency to begin operations on December 31, 2022.

Board Member Qualifications

State law requires all members of this Board to be residents of Adams County and prohibits any business or professional group or governmental entity from constituting a majority of the Board.

The Adams County Board of County Commissioners, after statutory requirements are met, and to the greatest extent possible, shall consider the following when appointing members to the Board:

- Representation of diverse races, ethnicities, ages, socioeconomic statuses, and genders.
- Representation of persons with disabilities.
- Representation of community partners such as healthcare, community-based organizations, businesses, advocacy organizations, and citizens.
- Geographical representation of Adams County, including rural and urban representation.
- Representation from a broad range of professional backgrounds including public health; environmental health; medical/nursing; health equity; health promotion/education; mental health/social work; education; advocacy; media relations; and business.

Ideal candidates should also have a clear understanding of the underpinnings of social determinants of health, social justice, and health equities; knowledge of or experience working with public health programming; and commitment to attending Board of Health meetings on a regular basis.

The Board of County Commissioners shall establish staggered terms for initial appointments, with each member thereafter serving a term of five years. Members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.