



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**August 19, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Barry Pulver Scott Snyder Toby Roy Mike Vizzier Laurie Walsh LaRosa Watson	Quinnton Austin Jared Wilson	Daniel Anderson, DEHQ Ana Becker, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Greg Lusitana, DEHQ Vanessa Mello, DEHQ Deborah Mosley, DEHQ Sharon Preece, DEHQ Rita Raphael, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m., with nine active EHQAB members present.

II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 15, 2026. Board member Watson, 2nd Board member, Vizzier.
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-2

V. FOODBORNE ILLNESS PROCESS – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Vanessa Mello, Program Coordinator, Food Water Housing Division (FWHD) presented a high-level overview of the foodborne illness process, including epidemiology, DEHQ's coordination with Public Health partners, DEHQ's role and response, employee exclusions and restrictions, and food recalls.

Board members had comments and questions regarding how foodborne illness cases, including Salmonella cases, are identified, reported, and counted; the meaning of an "intake"; and how DEHQ responds when the suspected source of illness is a grocery store or another location rather than a restaurant. Questions also addressed how illnesses associated with recreational water exposure are handled, methods used to identify potential cross-contamination in food facilities, and whether DEHQ

uses available data to identify trends in foodborne illness and compare reported illnesses with inspection findings and violations.

Additional discussion focused on DEHQ's oversight of microenterprise home kitchens, mobile food facilities, and traditional food facilities, including inspection frequency and the timeframe for new businesses to obtain authorization to operate. Board members also asked about the typical timeframe between consuming contaminated food and becoming ill, restaurant cooperation during unannounced inspections, requirements regarding kitchen visibility, and DEHQ's role in inspecting food preparation and food safety practices at home daycares.

VI. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Upcoming Board Letters**

- 8/19/26 - TJRV – Local Emergency Review. State law requires that the Board of Supervisors consider a continuation of a state of emergency every 60 days.

- **Legislative Highlights/Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs or Program Coordinators)**

The bills below were discussed.

- Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Ryan Johnson
 - SB 1046: Occupational Safety: Transboundary Pollution
 - AB 1915: Accelerated restaurant equipment permitting approval: retail food safety
 - SB 918: Food Facilities: Retail Food Safety
 - AB 1237: Swimming Pool Safety: Building Codes: Condominium and Hotel Rooms
- Hazardous Materials Division Program Updates, Sharon Preece
 - Recent and upcoming outreach events
 - BioCom
 - Epic Plus Seminar
 - Shooting Range Stakeholders

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:17 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Watson, 2nd Board member Hanna.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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