

Harnett County Board of Health  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
April 4, 2024

The Harnett County Board of Health met in special session on Thursday, April 4, 2024 in the Health Department Board Room, Harnett County Governmental Complex, 307 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, North Carolina.

**Members present:** Dr. Laura Smith, OD, Chairwoman, Commissioner Barbara McKoy, Dr. Amanda Langdon, DVM, Dr. Kim Fowler, PhD, Dr. Brandon Washington, DDS, Ms. Amy Allen, Ms. Staci Hogan, RPH, Ms. Linda Sturdivant, and Debra Harris-Hawkins, Interim Health Director.

**Other present:** Christopher Appel, Mary Jane Sauls, Oliver Tolksdorf, Melissa McLamb, Gail Hobbs, and Natasha Johnson.

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**Chairwoman Smith** called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Announcements** – Dr. Laura Smith, OD, Chairwoman announced the special meeting of the Board of Health which has been scheduled to discuss the interview team’s selection for the new Health Director. The Board of Health members unanimously approved the selection of Ainsley Johnson.

**Motion made by Dr. Kim Fowler, PhD, to appoint Ainsley Johnson as the Health Director effective April 4, 2024 and seconded by Ms. Amy Allen, Motion Carried.**

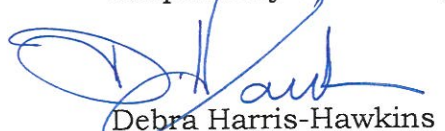
Ainsley Johnson took the Oath of the office of the Local Health Director of Harnett County; Oath ceremony and recorded Oath was performed by Notary Public Deborah Fann.

**Closed Session** – There was no need for closed session.

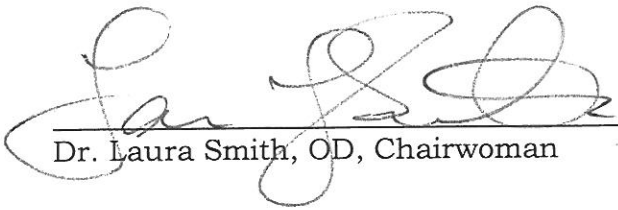
**New Business – Chairwoman Smith** opened the floor for New Business. Being none Chairwoman Smith closed New Business.

**Chairwoman Smith adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debra Harris-Hawkins  
Interim Health Director

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Dr. Laura Smith, OD, Chairwoman