



Public Health Advisory Commission
Alexandria, VA

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

In-Person, Del Pepper Community
Resource Center, 3rd Floor

- I. Welcome All
- II. Roll Call – Establish Quorum
- III. Review/Approve Minutes – August 2025
- IV. Review Agenda
- V. Updates from the Chair and Vice Chair
- VI. Health Department Highlights
- VII. Action and Discussion Items
 - ☐ Healthcare Access Subcommittee
 - ☐ Legislative Ideas for 2026 General Assembly
 - o Cigarette Tax Ceiling Resolution, Healthcare Access, Vaccine Access, FY25 Submission
 - o Other Recommended Ideas
 - ☐ Discussion from “Active List of Topics” as needed.
- VIII. Liaison and Community Partner Updates
 - a. Practicing Physician
 - b. Practicing Dentist
 - c. Inova Alexandria Hospital
 - d. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, CHIP
 - e. School Board (ACPS)
 - f. Community Services Board (CSB)
 - g. Neighborhood Health, Inc.
 - h. Fire Department
- IX. Agenda Topics for October
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Commission Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jerome Cordts , Chair – Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Chimento , Vice-chair – NHVA Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Long – Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anita McClendon – Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. David Bowen – Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Merritt – Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cassandra Walter – Health Pro Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nia Smart – Health Pro Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sylvia Jones – Health Pro Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	JeanAnn Mayhan – Partnership Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Riddy – Inova Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Walz – CSB Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Lauren Gibberman – NVDS Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Jackson – ACPS Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ramiro Galvez – AFD Rep
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant – Physician Practicing in City
Alexandria Health Dept. Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. David Rose Health Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Talis, MPH Population Health Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casey Colzani Executive Secretary, Staff Liaison
Active List of Topics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CommHlthAssess. CHA/CHIP–Coalitions• Public Health & Quality of Life Standing Committee (City Council)• Local Administration of Health Department• HIV/AIDS Commission Alignment• Environmental Policy Commission• PHAC membership, Annual Report• _____• _____	



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Commission Seats							top	Enabled Seats	All Seats	History	Timeline
Member Name	Title	Appointed By	Seat Name	Status	Start Date	Calculated Term					
Richard Merritt	Member	City Council	Non-Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	10/1/2023	10/1/2023 - 9/30/2025					
Alexander Long	Member	City Council	Non-Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	11/1/2023	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2025					
JeanAnn Mayhan	Member	City Council	Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee Rep.	Active	11/1/2023	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2025					
Michele Walz	Member	City Council	Community Service Board Rep.	Active	11/1/2023	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2025					
David Bowen	Member	City Council	Non-Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	1/1/2024	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025					
Anita McClendon	Member	City Council	Non-Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	3/1/2024	3/1/2024 - 2/28/2026					
Sylvia A. Jones	Member	City Council	Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	5/1/2024	5/1/2024 - 4/30/2026					
Cassandra Walter	Alternate	City Council	Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	11/1/2024	11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026					
Jerome Cordts	Chair	City Council	Non-Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	12/1/2024	12/1/2024 - 11/30/2026					
Holly Ann Jackson	Member	City Council	Alex. School Board Rep.	Active	12/1/2024	12/1/2024 - 11/30/2026					
Nia Smart	Member	City Council	Health Professional Citizen Member	Active	1/1/2025	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026					
Lauren Beth Gibberman	Member	City Council	Dentist practicing in the City	Active	3/1/2025	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2027					
Ramiro H. Gálvez	Member	City Council	Fire Department Rep.	Active	3/1/2025	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2027					
(Vacant)		City Council	Physician practicing in the City	Vacant		2 years - From start date					
Lisa Chimento	Member	City Council	Neighborhood Health Inc. Board of Directors Rep.	Active	12/1/2021	12/1/2021 - Life Term					
Melissa Riddy	Member	Alex. Library Com...	Inova Alexandria Hospital Rep.	Active	12/1/2019	12/1/2019 - Life Term					
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