

Tennessee One Health Committee Meeting

In person

August 3, 2026

Members present

- Dr. Samantha Beaty, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Alli Williamson, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- Mike Critchfield, Tennessee Department of Health Designee

Members absent

- Austin Travis, Department of the Tennessee Emergency Management Authority
- Blair Beaty, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Administrative Updates

- Participation is limited to moderators, voting members, voting member delegates, invited speakers and public commenters
- Recording and meeting minutes will be posted online
- Voting members abstain from discussing One Health Committee business with each other outside the formal meeting
- Future meeting dates and information will be posted to the TDH Calendar of Events
- Review of May meeting minutes
 - Dr. Samatha Beaty made a motion to accept the draft minutes as written
 - Mike Critchfield seconded
 - All members present voted in favor by roll call vote

Agency Updates

- **Tennessee Department of Agriculture**
 - Introduced Dr. Ariella Barry, One Health Coordinator
 - New world screwworm outbreak in Texas that is managed by USDA veterinary services and the Texas Health Commission
 - Find more information at screwworm.gov
- **Tennessee Department of Health**
 - No updates
- **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**
 - Annual Governors Conservation Summit is scheduled for August 11-12
 - Tennessee outdoor partnerships and stakeholders will be attending
 - Continuing to plan on releasing the solid waste plan published this November

- Waste management and recycling for TN over the next ten years
 - Cybersecurity attacks for the water systems in Minnesota
 - TDEC is making calls to all water systems to look for vulnerabilities
- **Department of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency**
 - Not on call
- **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency**
 - Not on call

Invited Speaker

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) “Forever Chemicals” Presented by Emily Leonard, Senior Policy Analyst, TDEC

Public Comment

- No requests received for public comment

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December 1, 2026