



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

February 9, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Jo-Ann Keegan - Chairperson
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, Member
Erin Gendron, Member
William Galvin, Member
Lisa Golden, HHS Director
Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director,
Shawn Machado, Senior Sanitary Code Inspector

Chairperson Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:05PM

02/09/2022 – Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. Conference Call Log-In Information

1.II. For Acceptance: Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Health was made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor

1.III. For Acceptance: Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 12 2022 meeting of the Board of Health was made by Erin Gendron, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1.IV. For Review: Tobacco Control Monthly Report submitted by Cesar Pungirum, Program Director

Mr. Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director, reviewed his report with the Board. Mr. Pungirum informed the Board that he continues to work on the revision of the Tobacco Regulations. The Board had no questions.

1.V. Communication - January 29 2022 From Jon Shaer Executive Director - NECSEMA

Mr. Pungirum discussed this letter with the Board. The Board had no questions.

1.VI. For Review: Monthly Development Services Report submitted by Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado

Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shaw Machado reviewed the monthly reports with the Board. Mr. Machado noted that he will look into the Reilly School's hot water issue. Chairperson Jo-Ann Keegan requested that the owner of Gold Star 357 Fairmount St come before the Board to discuss mitigation and remediation efforts for the restaurant, as well as possible action being taken by the Board for failure to comply. Mr. Machado will request the owner to attend the March 2, 2022 meeting.

1.VII. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc. Reports and Notifications submitted by Jon Kelley

Mr. Jon Kelley, Mr. Casey Rainville, and Mr. David Green were present to review the report with the Board. The Board had no questions/comments.

1.VIII. For Approval: Funeral Director's Licensure 2021-2022

Motion: To approve a Funeral Director's License for Mr. David Plourde, Fay McCabe Funeral Home made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.I. Update: COVID-19

HHS Director Lisa Golden reviewed the COVID-19 statistics with the Board, noting that the numbers have been decreasing. Director Golden informed the Board that the Lowell Public Schools will be transitioning to asymptomatic at-home testing and symptomatic testing in the nurse's office after February vacation. The Board also discussed the State Mask Mandate changes effective February 28, 2022. The Board also noted that the new DESE guidelines are reasonable.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3.I. Department and Divisional Reports and Updates

The Board had no questions regarding the departmental reports. Director Golden informed the Board that the hiring and on-boarding of new employees is continuing, and that Brendan Flynn (Deputy Director of Finance) and Shannon Gray (Community Health Director) have accepted positions outside of the Health Department.

The Board discussed the return to in-person meetings and decided that the March 2, 2022 Board of Health Meeting will be held in-person.

4. Motion: To Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 7:00 PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.