

**WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021.

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, May 3, 2021, via a zoom webinar. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Lawrence Budnick
Dr. Andrea Marcus
Dr. Elizabeth Talmont
Dr. Steven Gorelick—arrived at 5:45
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Ms. Sharon Dorry—arrived at 6:00 PM
Dr. Daniel Halevy
Ms. Zoe McKelvey—Alternate #1
Ms. Maryann McClosky—Alternate #2

Also Present:

Megan Avallone, MS, RN, REHS—Health Officer
Christie Calmon—REHS
Helen Mendez—Principal REHS
Denise Rizzolo, PA, PhD, MPH, —COVID-19 Generalist
Ellen Shelley, DNP, MSN—Vulnerable Populations Coordinator
Michael Dardia—Council Liaison

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Ms. Ann Rosen, of 166 Mountain Avenue, commented that she would like to request that the public comment portion of the meeting be moved to the end of agenda. Ms. Rosen also inquired if the Board will be providing a public opinion of some colleges mandating COVID-19 vaccination.

Ms. Avallone then informed the Board that she had recently reviewed the public portion execution of the meetings with the Town Attorney, and it was his recommendation that the Board structure the public portion after the Town Council meetings, allowing for all comments to be made before any responses are provided by the Board.

Ms. Stephanie George, of 605 Short Hills Ct, asked if duplicate COVID-19 cases affect the Town's COVID-19 case counts and she also asked if the Board would be providing updated guidance to the Board of Education regarding lunch periods.

With no other comments issued, Dr. Budnick stated that the Board reiterates the state guidance and each school district ultimately decides how they will enact a policy that best serves their community.

Ms. Avallone clarified that the department staff searches for duplicate cases internally, and that the cases numbers that are reported out by the Mayor are accurate.

BOARD HEARING: Inspiration Roll

Mr. Daniel Chung, owner of Inspiration Roll, and Mr. Darin Pinto, attorney representing Inspiration Roll, were present at the hearing. Ms. Calmon and Ms. Mendez reviewed the previous inspection reports that included an overview of numerous critical violations. Ms. Mendez informed the Board that the history of ratings that are less than Satisfactory has been extensive with this establishment.

Mr. Chung stated that he understood the seriousness of the violations.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Halevy to hold a two-day closure in abeyance, for a period of two years, for any rating less than satisfactory received. Dr. Gorelick seconded the motion and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Halevy—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Ms. McClosky—Aye, Ms. McKelvey—Aye,
Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Marcus—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

Mr. Chung was informed that he would receive the results of the hearing in writing and was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Gorelick, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, Minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting were approved as amended and ordered filed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

Health Department, Vital Statistics, Animal Control and Nursing reports were reviewed and ordered filed.

The financial report for April and bills for the month of April, in the amount of \$19,627.02, were motioned for approval by Dr. Marcus and seconded by Dr. Talmont. The following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Marcus—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye, Ms. McClosky—Aye, Ms. McKelvey—Aye,
Dr. Halevy—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record will reflect unanimous approval for the financial report and bill list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided an update on COVID-19 and informed the Board that the number of new cases has decreased. Ms. Avallone stated that the department continues to interpret guidance for residents, schools and local businesses, as the guidance is changing rapidly.

Dr. Talmont provided an update on the vaccination subcommittee.

Ms. Mendez provided an update on Sichuan Dynasty.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Budnick presented Board of Health Ordinance 1-2021, establishing salary ranges for non-union personnel, for first reading. BOH Ordinance 1-2021 was approved on a motion by Dr. Marcus, seconded by Mr. Bertsch and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Marcus—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. McClosky—Abstain, Ms. McKelvey—Aye,
Dr. Halevy—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record shall reflect majority consent for Board of Health Ordinance 1-2021.

Dr. Budnick then presented Board of Health Resolution 6-2021, Authorizing the Board to sign an agreement with City of Elizabeth for STI clinic services. A motion to approve Resolution 6-2021 was made by Ms. McKelvey, seconded by Dr. Gorelick and unanimously approved by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Shelley provided an overview of the Vulnerable Population Workplan and how the plan is now focused primarily on vaccinating hard to reach individuals.

Jon Spitz, of 721 Dorian Rd, and Lois Kraus, of 858 Nancy Way, asked to speak to the Board as members of the Green Team. They have asked the Board to support the Green Team's effort to look at gas powered leaf blowers and their negative health effects. Dr. Budnick appointed Ms. McKelvey and Mr. Bertsch to review the data.

Dr. Budnick informed the Board that he has been appointed to the Town's Cannabis Commission by the Mayor. Ms. Avallone will serve as an advisor to the Commission.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Gorelick, to enter closed session at 6:59 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Talmont, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, at 7:21 PM and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary