



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### BOARD OF HEALTH

*Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant, Dr.  
Ian Martin, Julia Means, Ericka Sinclair, Wujie Zhang, and  
Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa*

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Thursday, November 3, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtual

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#### 1. Call to Order

Board member President Caroline Gomez-Tom called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Caroline Gomez-Tom (Chair), Ruthie Burich-Weatherly (Vice Chair), Ericka Sinclair, Bria Grant, and Julia Means

Absent: Wujie Zhang and JoCasta Zamarripa

Excused: Dr. Ian Martin

**3. Approval of September 1, 2022 Board meeting minutes**

Board member Vice Chair Ruthie Burich-Weatherly motioned to approve, Board member Bria Grant seconded, the motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

**4. The Honorable Cavalier Johnson, Mayor of Milwaukee****a. Board of Health correspondence****b. Board of Health vacancies**

Mayor Johnson discussed the process and logic behind the appointment of the current OVP Director, Ashanti Hamilton.

Mayor Johnson reported his office has been reviewing several candidates to fill the current Board of Health vacancy.

**5. Introduction & Welcome of Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa**

This item will be held for next meeting scheduled Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**6. Communication from MHD Commissioner, Kirsten Johnson****a. Presentation****b. Questions**

Commissioner Johnson presented a COVID-19 update including current case burden, vaccinations, CDC updates, and mask guidance.

Commissioner Johnson also presented a Monkeypox update, including city of Milwaukee cases, symptoms, transmission, and treatment.

[211824](#) Communication relating to those documents submitted to the Board of Health for its meetings in 2022.

**7. DHS 140 Certification****a. Presentation**

Chris Culotta and Angela Nimsgern, both from the Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Green Bay/Northeast Region, Office of Policy and Practice Alignment reported that the City of Milwaukee Health Department completed the 140 certification review process and now meets all requirements to be a Level 3 Health Department with no remaining deficiencies.

**8. Strategic Plan update, Health Strategy Director, Langston Verdin**

Director Verdin presented a Strategic Plan update including a list of team members, the planning process, the anti-racism approach, data collection process, the timeline of the plan, implementation, strategic goals and phases.

**9. Assessment of Local Public Health System (CHIP), Public Health Strategist, Anneke Mohr**

Public Health Strategist Mohr presented a CHIP update, including a brief overview, future plans, a summary of local public health system assessment, top priorities, and timelines and next steps.

**10. Discussion of Board of Health Bi-Monthly meeting schedule**

This item will be held for next meeting scheduled Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**Standing Agenda Items:**

**11. Home Environmental Health (Lead Program), MHD Deputy Commissioner, Tyler Weber**  
**a. Questions**

Deputy Commissioner Weber presented a lead update as it relates to ARPA including the timeline, progress, related data, and MHD intervention.

**12. Strategic Planning, MHD Deputy Commissioner, Bailey Murph**  
**a. Questions**

Deputy Commissioner Murph reported there are no further updates at this time.

**13. MHD branch collaboration updates, Board of Health Members**  
**a. Board presentation & discussion**

This item will be held for next meeting scheduled Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**14. Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), Director Ashanti Hamilton**

Director Hamilton reported that OVP is currently in the process of filling three positions and will work on filling other vacancies in the near future.

Director Hamilton also reported that OVP is currently working on recommendations and suggestions relating to building partnerships with community faith-based organizations that the Board presented during the September 2022 Board of Health meeting.

**15. Future agenda items**

Deputy Commissioner Erica Olivier - present a Community Health update

**16. Next board meeting, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm****17. Adjournment**

Board member Vice Chair Ruthie Burich-Weatherly motioned to adjourn, Board member Julia Means seconded and motion passed, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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