



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF HEALTH

CAROLINE GOMEZ-TOM, CHAIR

Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, VICE-CHAIR

Bria Grant, Dr. Ian Martin, Ericka Sinclair, Wujie Zhang, and

Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa

Thursday, March 2, 2023

5:30 PM

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1. Call to Order

Chair Caroline Gomez-Tom called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

2. Roll Call

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

Absent:

Excused:

3. Approval of January 5, 2023 Board meeting minutes

Board member Wujie Zhang motioned to approve, Board member Dr. Ian Martin seconded, the motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

4. Approval of Board of Health correspondence

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

5. Communication from Interim Commissioner, Tyler Weber, with Medical Director, Dr. Heather Paradis

Interim Commissioner Weber presented an update including his transition as Interim Health Commissioner, onboarding the Clinic Operations Director and Laboratory Director, a farewell to Health Strategy Director Langston Verdin, and Ernst & Young.

Dr. Paradis presented a COVID-19 update including the current city of Milwaukee community level, the COVID monitoring process/procedures, the future of the State and Federal response to COVID-19, and MHD's future response to COVID-19 surrounding contact tracing, testing, and vaccinations.

[221532](#) Communication relating to those documents submitted to the Board of Health for its meetings in 2023.

6. Presentation from Deputy Commissioner, Erica Olivier, on MHD Community Health with Maternal & Child Health Director, Rosamaria Martinez

Deputy Commissioner Olivier and Maternal & Child Health Director Rosamaria Martinez presented an updated including the background of Maternal and Child Health Division, follow-up to 2022 goals, infant mortality and stillbirth rates, guiding values, and goals for 2023.

Standing Agenda Items:

7. Home Environmental Health (Lead Program)

Interim Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Weber reported that an Enforcement Manager has been hired and they are looking at ways to standardize enforcement procedures as it relates to training for LRAs, the language, orders and referrals.

8. Office of Violence Prevention

Office of Violence Prevention will provide an update at the next scheduled meeting.

9. MHD Board Member and Branch Collaboration Updates

Medical Services Branch: Board members Dr. Ian Martin and Ericka Sinclair met with Medical Director Dr. Paradis.

Policy, Innovation and Engagement (PIE) Branch: Chair Caroline Gomez-Tom met with Deputy Commissioner Bailey Murph. PIE secured an infrastructure grant.

10. Future agenda items [Next board meeting, Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 5:30 pm]

- * OVP goals and updates
- * Board development (add to Summer 2023 agenda)
- * Ascension – St. Francis: Labor & Delivery closing

11. Adjournment

Board member Dr. Ian Martin motioned to adjourn, Board member Ericka Sinclair seconded and motion passed, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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