



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

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, September 7, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, 200 E Wells St, Rm 303

This meeting will be in-person with a virtual option.

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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, Wujie Zhang, Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa and Ericka Sinclair

Absent:

Excused: Dr. Ian Martin

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3. Approval of July 6, 2023 Board meeting minutes

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

4. Election of Board Officers

Chair: Board member Ruthie Burich-Weatherly nominated Board member Caroline Gomez-Tom for Chair, Board member Ericka Sinclair seconded the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

Vice Chair: Board member Ericka Sinclair nominated Board member Ruthie Burich-Weatherly for Vice Chair, Board member Wujie Zhang seconded the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

5. Communication from Commissioner, Dr. Mike Totoraitis

Commissioner Totoraitis presented a health department update including current priorities such as accreditation, RNC planning, performance management, Community Health Improvement Plan (MKE Elevate), Office of Violence Prevention transition, Board vacancies and Substance Use Disorder Strategic Plan. The presentation also included an update regarding the West Nile virus, and COVID-19.

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

6. Presentation from Emergency Preparedness Director, Dr. Nick Tomaro, regarding the City of Milwaukee's 2024 Republican National Convention Planning Update

Standing Agenda Items:

7. Home Environmental Health (Lead Program)

An in-depth lead update will be presented at the next Board meeting.

8. Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)

An update will be provided at the Board next meeting.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on frequency of Board of Health meetings

No changes were made. The meeting will continue to be held bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

10. MHD Board Member and Branch Collaboration Updates

No new updates.

11. Future agenda items [Next board meeting, Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 5:30 pm]**12. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Ruthie Burich-Weatherly motioned to adjourn, Board member Ericka Sinclair seconded the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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