

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 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, April 5, 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 PM
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
Laura Scanlon, MS, RN—Public Health Nursing Supervisor
Ellen Shelley, DNP, MSN—Vulnerable Populations Coordinator
Michael Dardia—Council Liaison

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: No member of the public provided comments.

BOARD HEARING: Sichuan Dynasty

Mr. Xinsong Yang, owner of Sichuan Dynasty, was present at the hearing. Ms. Calmon and Ms. Mendez reviewed the previous inspection reports that included an overview of numerous critical violations. Ms. Calmon also stated that there was evidence that the establishment was open for business after a fire, when the owner was instructed not to open until an inspection could be conducted, as the rating was Unsatisfactory. Ms. Mendez informed the Board that this was the establishment's second time before the Board. Mr. Yang stated that he understood the seriousness of the violations.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Talmont to hold a four-day closure in abeyance, for a period of two years, for any rating less than satisfactory received. In addition, Mr. Yang would have to show proof of an employee completing a certified food manager training course by April 12, 2021. Dr. Marcus seconded the motion and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Halevy, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, Minutes of the March 1, 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 January reports were reviewed and ordered filed. Ms. Scanlon provided an update on the status of the child immunization clinics.

The financial report for March and bills for the month of March, in the amount of \$8,824.70 were motioned for approval by Dr. Talmont and seconded by Dr. Halevy. 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
Ms. Dorry—Aye

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided an update on COVID-19 in which she stated that while New Jersey is doing well with their vaccination efforts and vaccine roll out, the state remains in the top 2 states with the highest number of confirmed cases per capita.

Ms. Talmont reported the vaccination subcommittee had not met.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Budnick presented a “Proclamation Recognizing National Public Health Week 2021”. A motion was made to accept the proclamation by Dr. Marcus and was seconded by Dr. Talmont and unanimously approved by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Shelley provided an overview of the Vulnerable Population Committee and how plans are coming into place to vaccinate our most vulnerable residents. Dr. Shelley informed the Board that a pop-up clinic was held in Westfield in conjunction with Union County to reach the most vulnerable area residents.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. McKelvey and seconded by Mr. Bertsch at 6:53 PM and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary