

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2021.**

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM on Monday, October 4, 2021, in the Community Room of Town Hall at 425 E. Broad Street, Westfield, NJ. 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
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Dr. Daniel Halevy
Ms. Zoe McKelvey—Alternate #1
Ms. Maryann McClosky—Alternate #2

Also Present:

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

ABSENT:

Ms. Sharon Dorry

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Dominique Venezia, of 118 Wyoming St, commented that she feels pharmaceutical companies and their motives are corrupt.

Jerome Feder, of 789 Knollwood Terrace, commented that he opposes the proposed Edison sports complex because it changes the character of the neighborhood.

Christine Binder, of 404 W. Dudley Ave, commented that the American Federation of Teachers hosted a very informative educational seminar and recommended the Board watch it.

Janet Onishi, of 759 Knollwood Terrace, commented that she is opposed to the proposed Edison sports complex.

Ann Rosen, of 116 Mountain Ave, commented that there should be more context in covid reporting and numbers of natural immunity should be added to the conversation.

Guillermo Artilles, of McCarter and English, LLP, representing Wonder Corporation, commented that he hopes the Board consider working with the Corporation on determining appropriate licensing, as Westfield is their pilot site.

BOARD HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Halevy, the minutes of the August 2, 2021 and September 13, 2021 meetings were approved as modified and ordered filed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

Health Department, Vital Statistics, Animal Control and Nursing reports were tabled until next meeting. Ms. Mendez provided an update on Sichuan Dynasty and informed the Board that they would be coming for a hearing during the November meeting.

The Financial Reports and Bills for the months of September, in the amount of \$9,445.67, were motioned for approval by Dr. Gorelick, and seconded by Dr. Talmont. The following Roll Call vote was taken:

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

The record will reflect unanimous approval by all members present for the Financial Report and Bill list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided an update on covid activity trends and immunization outreach clinics. Ms. Avallone clarified that the health department did not cancel any Halloween activities and that any activity that was cancelled was done so at the discretion of the organizing party. Ms. Avallone also reviewed an overview of school activity and local data.

Dr. Shelley reviewed activity in the Vulnerable Population Program.

The Board discussed how to best inform residents of the potentially harmful effects of gas leaf blowers. After a short discussion, it was decided that a blurb about gas leaf blowers would be placed in the health department monthly newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Budnick presented BOH Ordinance 3-2021, “An Ordinance Defining Ancillary Food Delivery Vehicles”. This ordinance would define ancillary food delivery vehicles as a vehicle that transports food prepared at a commissary to customers and uses rethermalizing techniques for the purposes of meal delivery. Ancillary Food Delivery Vehicles do not include mobile food vendors that are stationed at temporary pre-determined locations for customers to order and receive food directly from the vehicle.

After a lengthy discussion on the new proposed definition a motion was not made to introduce the ordinance. Dr. Budnick did appoint Dr. Marcus, Ms. McKelvey, and Mr. Bertsch to a subcommittee to determine the next steps forward.

Ms. Mendez then provided an update of 1958 Cuban Cuisine and informed the Board that the establishment has received another rating less than Satisfactory. Ms. Avallone shared with the Board that some of the other Boards of Health have started to add additional days of closure in abeyance for the possibility of repeat violations. The Board agreed that this could be a practice moving forward.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Marcus, seconded by Dr. Halevy, at 6:43 PM and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary