

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022.

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM on Monday, April 4, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Town Hall, 425 E. Broad St, Westfield, NJ. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Elizabeth Talmont
Dr. Lawrence Budnick
Dr. Andrea Marcus
Dr. Steven Gorelick
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Dr. Daniel Halevy (present via telephone)
Ms. Tara Donnelly—Alternate #1

Also Present:

Megan Avallone—Health Officer
Michael Dardia—Council Liaison (excused at 6:40 pm)
Helen Mendez—Principal REHS
Denise Rizzolo—Covid-19 Generalist
Ellen Shelley—Vulnerable Population Coordinator

ABSENT:

Ms. Maryann McCloskey

BOARD HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Budnick, seconded by Dr. Gorelick, Minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting were approved as amended and ordered filed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

The Health Department, Vital Statistics, Pest Control and Nursing Reports were all approved and ordered filed. The Animal Control report was tabled.

Dr. Talmont presented the Financial Report and the March bills, totaling \$10,259.25, for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Budnick, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye,
Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Ms. Donnelly—Aye,
Dr. Marcus—Aye

The record shall reflect the unanimous approval of bills by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Budnick, as Chair of the Bylaw Subcommittee, presented proposed changes to the bylaws. Most of these changes were minor and a discussion took place about the role of the alternate members. Dr. Budnick motioned that the Board should remain with seven voting members and two alternate members who only vote when a quorum is not present. Dr. Marcus seconded the motion and more discussion took place. Dr. Talmont stressed that even though alternate members may not have an official vote their opinion and voice is important to the Board. The motion was then unanimously approved by all members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Talmont briefly updated the Board that the electronic smoking device (ESD) ordinance that does not allow for a concurrent food license if selling ESD products. Currently, there is an establishment that does self-limit entry to those eighteen and older that is looking for a concurrent food and ESD license. Discussion took place about the intent of the ordinance and how limiting entry to those 18 or 21 still maintains that original intent. Discussion took place on what the appropriate steps forward might be and Ms. Avallone stated that she would consult with the Town Attorney and update the Board at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided an update on covid activity for the month of March. She also updated the Board on the standing of the covid grants.

Ms. Mendez informed the Board that a retail food establishment had requested approval for an outdoor dog café, where dogs would be provided with their own menu. While there is no specific regulation on this activity, Ms. Avallone stated she would reach out to other health departments to attempt to collect some best practices.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Zach Windhal, attorney representing The Green Room, asked the Board to consider the benefits of CBD products and to consider that the establishment is already self-restricting age of entry while drafting any modifications to the ESD ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Dr. Marcus, and seconded by Dr. Gorelick, to enter closed session at 6:47pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Marcus, seconded by Dr. Gorelick, and unanimously approved by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary