

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD November 18, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Health was held virtually via ZOOM on November 18, 2020 at 12:00 noon. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sims.

Roll Call: Dr. Block, yea; Mr. Downing, yea; Ms. Meadows, absent; Dr. Orlowski, yea; Mr. Orr, yea; Dr. Rhodes, yea; Mr. Sims, yea.

There were no abstentions.

RESOLUTION #20-406

It was moved by Dr. Orlowski to approve a Stay-at-Home Health Advisory effective November 19, 2020 through December 17, 2020 as set forth in the resolution; seconded by Mr. Orr. Roll Call: Dr. Block, yea; Mr. Downing, yea; Ms. Meadows, absent; Dr. Orlowski, yea; Mr. Orr, yea; Dr. Rhodes, yea; Mr. Sims, yea. Motion carried.

Open Discussion

Dr. Rhodes expressed his concern of the burden for working parents dealing with virtual education.

Dr. Orlowski commented that she hopes the Stay at Home Advisory makes a difference and stated that unless we can find messaging that appeals to the population that continues to not adhere to the current guidelines the community spread will continue to be impacted.

Mr. Sims stated he understands we are asking the community to make sacrifices, but it basically goes back to respect for one another. He also stated that our hospitals are busting at the seams and surgical procedures are being delayed and there is the possibility that elective surgeries will be postponed unless we can stop the spread of this virus.

Dr. Block stated that he has seen the request for COVID testing quadruple in the last two weeks. He stated we need to continue to reiterate that we base every decision on evidence and that he stands behind the Stay at Home Advisory so that we can try and preserve everybody for another day.

Mr. Orr commented that he supports the Stay at Home Advisory. He is active in his community and they are following the recommended guidelines and hopes that others do the same.

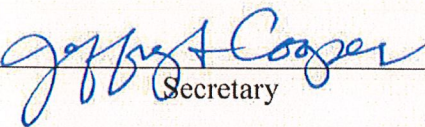
Mr. Sims asked if the advisory will be extended if our numbers do not approve to which Mr. Cooper replied "yes".

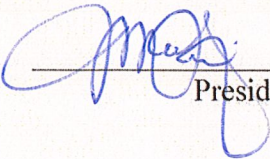
Mr. Cooper added that Public Health will provide a News Release after the Board meeting and send communication to stakeholders.

It was moved by Dr. Rhodes to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the Health Commissioner's employment performance goals and workplan; seconded by Mr. Orr. Roll Call: Dr. Block, yea; Mr. Downing, yea; Ms. Meadows, absent; Dr. Orłowski, yea; Mr. Orr, yea; Dr. Rhodes, yea; Mr. Sims, yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rhodes to reconvene into Regular Session; seconded by Mr. Orr. Roll Call: Dr. Block, yea; Mr. Downing, yea; Ms. Meadows, absent; Dr. Orłowski, yea; Mr. Orr, yea; Dr. Rhodes, yea; Mr. Sims, yea. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Mr. Sims declared the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2020 at 12:00 noon.


Secretary


President