

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**May 25, 2022 Minutes**

**BOH Members Present:** Dr. Joanne Levin; Dr. Suzanne Smith; Dr. Cynthia Suopis; and Dr. Laurent Levy, Dallas Ducar, NP

**Staff:** Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk; Amy Hutchins, Assistant Director; Vivian Franklin, RN

**Staff Absent:** Merridith O'Leary, Director

*This meeting was conducted on Zoom. The meeting was recorded.*

**Public Comment Session:** Dr. Levin announced that public comments would be limited to two minutes per person. Several members of the public made comments.

**I. Meeting opened May 25, 2022** at 5:43 pm by Dr. Levin.

**Motion:** Motion made to open the meeting by Dr. Suopis seconded by Dallas Ducar. All in favor (5-0).

**II. New Business**

- Data update - Vivian Franklin, RN reviewed local COVID data.

**III. Old Business**

- Mask Advisory and Communication Plan – The board members discussed and drafted a public health mask advisory for COVID.

**Motion: Motion made by Dr. Suopis to issue advisory for all individuals for protecting the public against COVID to include masking. Seconded by Dallas Ducar.**

**Motion passed - Dr. Suopis – Yes. Dallas Ducar – Yes. Dr. Levin – Yes. Dr. Levy – Abstain. Dr. Smith – No.**

- Recommendations for pharmacies and grocery stores (essential services) to have mask-only hours – Dr. Levin introduced a draft advisory for those businesses that provide essential services to have at least one hour of universal mask hours for those individuals who prefer to go to an essential business where everyone wears a mask.

**Motion: Motion to accept public health advisory to accommodate those at high risk of complications from COVID for businesses to have one hour a day for all patrons and employees masking made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dallas Ducar. Motion passed (4-0, Dr. Levy Abstained)**

- Ventilation Task Force Update – Dr. Levin indicated that the group had met and was working on a presentation.
- Board of Health vacancy – Dr. Levin has reached out to the Mayor's office regarding the vacancy.

**IV. Review Minutes**

**A. Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2022.**

**Motion: Approved as amended:** Motion made by Dr. Suopis to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Smith. All were in favor (5-0).

**Meeting closed at 7:23 PM.**

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: June 23, 2022, July 28, 2022 and August 18, 2022 (if needed)

Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk

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### **Meeting Document List**

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.

These documents are available for review at the:

**Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060**

- Meeting Agenda
- May 12, 2022\_Minutes