

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting ID: 880 4003 6826 Passcode: 006012

### June 8, 2022 Minutes

**BOH Members Present:** Dr. Joanne Levin; Dr. Suzanne Smith; Dr. Cynthia Suopis

**BOH Members Absent:** Dallas Ducar, NP

**Staff:** Merridith O'Leary, Commissioner; Amy Hutchins, Assistant Director; City Attorney Alan Seewald

**Staff Absent:** Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk

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

**Public Comment Session:** No public comments.

**I. Meeting opened June 8, 2022** at 6:00pm by Dr. Levin.

**Motion:** Motion made to open the meeting by Dr. Suopis seconded by Dr. Smith. All in favor (3-0).

**II. New Business**

- Open Meeting Law Complaint dated May 25, 2022 – Director O'Leary noted this is a special meeting to address an open meeting law complaint that was filed on May 25, 2022. Director O'Leary indicated when the agenda was posted. Attorney Seewald indicated that the Open Meeting Laws are clear on what's required. The requirement is that we list the topics that will be discussed, there is no obligation to forecast what the discussion will be about; what the outcome of the discussion will be; what, if any votes will be taken, that's not part of the OML. Attorney Seewald indicated that the process now would be for the Board to take a vote on whether they believed they violated the open meeting law and if so, whether any remedial actions need to be taken. A response needs to be sent to the complainant and to the Attorney General's office with a copy of the complaint.

**Motion: Motion made by Dr. Smith that the Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law as stated in the complaint that was filed. Seconded by Dr. Suopis. Amended by Dr. Smith to include that the response to this complaint be drafted, completed, and filed by Attorney Seewald, seconded by Dr. Suopis. Motion passed (3-0).**

**Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting:** Motion made to close the Board of Health meeting by Dr. Suopis, seconded by Dr. Smith. All in favor (3-0).

**Meeting closed at 6:16 PM.**

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: June 23, 2022

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
- OML Complaint