



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
*HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
April 21, 2022

Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

**Present:**

Brian Green. MD (Chair)  
Paula Machado, Board Member  
Robert Ciccio, Board Member  
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Nancy Bacci Acting Interim Health & Human  
Services Director

**City Staff:** - Ellen Shachter, Director of Housing and Stability  
Nikki Spenser – Mayoral's Aide

**Meeting Call to Order:** Dr. Green made a motion to open up the meeting at 6.04pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Green, Paula Machado, Robert Ciccio all present.

**Minutes Approval:** Ms. Machado made a motion to approve the amended February 17, 2022 minutes. It was seconded by Dr. Green All in favor.  
Dr. Green made a motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**Tobacco Hearing:** The hearing for SK Convenience Store was postponed until next board meeting.

**Combined Sewer Overages Plan** was presented to the board to have for their review and records. There is no action required by the board.

**Covid19 Updates:** The city is watching covid numbers with care. The numbers have gone down over the last seven (7) days. April is our 3<sup>rd</sup> highest month behind December and January for covid cases. Fourteen (14) day case rate has been staying steady. The city still encourages all to get tested, vaccinated and getting the booster vaccines as well.

**Eviction Moratorium Updates:** Ms. Shachter gave a brief overview of the eviction moratorium with slides. Demand for OHS services as increased probably due to the termination of the state's program ERAP which will end April 15 and the possible end of the moratorium. The City is recommended that the Board of Health extend the Eviction Moratorium to June 30, 2022. It is based on all current local flex funds are all expended. New funds hopefully July 1, 2022. The city is also awaiting final contract for Flex-ARPA funds in May 2022 for \$1,000,000. The city plans to do a city wide mailing to residents and property owners about the moratorium status and the new HSNA Ordinance.

Dr. Green made a motion to do a roll call of the board members, all members before the vote  
 Dr. Green – present  
 Paula Machado – present  
 Robert Ciccio – present.

Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to extend the City of Somerville's Eviction Moratorium another two (2) months and sunset the moratorium on June 30, 2022. A roll call vote was taken and the extension passed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Health & Human Services Updates:** Entering the final stages of hiring the next Health & Human Services Director and Case Manager. It was also announced that Kathy Teixeira/Henkle will be retiring on May 6, 2022 after a 36-year career with the City of Somerville.

**Next meeting**  
 May 19, 2022

**Meeting Adjourn:** Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A roll call voted to adjourn meeting.

Dr. Green – Yes  
 Robert Ciccio – Yes  
 Paula Machado – Yes  
 All in favor.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**List of Documents:**

Notice/Agenda, Minutes, Tobacco Hearing, Combined Sewer Overages Plan, Eviction Slides and Eviction Moratorium.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Kathy Henkle-Teixeira  
 Board of Health Recording Secretary  
 May 4, 2022