



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
ACTING AGENT FOR BOH

MINUTES (Amended)
BOARD OF HEALTH
February 17, 2022

Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

Douglas Kress, Acting Agent / BOH
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member

Absent: Robert Ciccio, Board Member

City Staff: Ellen Shachter, Office of Housing Stability

Meeting Call to Order: Dr. Green made a motion to open up the meeting at 6:04pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Roll Call: Brian Green and Paula Machado were present.

Minutest Approval: Dr. Green made a motion to accept the January 20, 2022 minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Eviction Moratorium Updates: Ms. Shachter presented to the board an overview of the moratorium through slides. Dr. Green asked if 150% of income is for landlords. Ms. Shachter said yes and it is for low to moderate income landlords. The number of cases continue and wait time has approved. The current eviction moratorium will expire on April 30, 2022. The board members asked about transition period and Ms. Shachter will provide guidance to the board.

Covid19 Updates: Mr. Kress reviewed the current Covid19 city's dashboard and commented on the current cases identified in Somerville. The City of Somerville's Face Mask Mandate Order is still in place for Somerville. Ms. Machado expressed interest to rescind the order. Dr. Green expressed concerns due to community transmissions still occurring but he was encouraged by improvement.

Dr. Green made a motion that the Board of Health hereby orders that after March 3, 2022, the Agent of the Board of Health is authorized to rescind the Face Covering Mandate if the percent Covid19 positivity rate in the City of Somerville is below one percent (1 %) for three (3) consecutive days.

Ms. Machado asked for clarity about the motion, and if this would rescind the order completely. Dr. Green responded that the order would be rescinded if the criteria were met. The motion was seconded by Ms. Machado. A roll call vote was taken.

Machado – Yes

Green – Yes

All in Favor. The motion passed. unanimously.

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Meeting Adjourn: Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

A roll call vote was taken.

Machado – Yes

Green – Yes All in Favor – The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents:

Notice/Agenda, Vaccine Mandate Order, Minutes, Moratorium Slides

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle-Teixeira
Board of Health Secretary
March 2, 2022