



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

Jacob D Wilson  
MAYOR

*KARIN CARROLL*  
*DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES*

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**April 16, 2026**

Open Conference / Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Members Present:

Brian Green, MD (Chair)

Alyssa DuBois, Board Member

Margaret H Coit, Board Member

Colin Zeigler, Environmental Health Manager

Karin Carroll, Director of Health & Human Services

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Brian Green made a motion to open the meeting at 6:01 pm. Maragret H Coit seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Minutes Approval:** Brian Green made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026. Maragret H Coit seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Introduction of the Mayor- Jake Wilson:**

Mayor Jake Wilson joined the meeting to meet the Board members and discuss the administration's key goals and priorities. The Board members introduced themselves as well and told the Mayor they were happy to partner with him on key health initiatives in the future. Mayor Wilson thanked the Board of Health for their service to the city.

**4. ISD Updates -Alicia Privett**

Over the past month, we've conducted 15 business license reviews, including body art, farmers market, and pools. Renewal Lettes for the food establishments are going out soon. The sharps' pickups have dropped significantly due to the weather. Alicia shared that over the past few weeks they have been conducting dumpster audits and found 56 dumpster violations and issued 1200 tickets for various violations. The Rodent Assistance Program has restarted as of Tuesday and has conducted 72 visits to inspect and treat properties. We are working with Modern Pest to deploy smart boxes which both zap and count rodents as they get near the building. Biosafety permits and licenses that have been issued have just gone through the renewal period which ended March 30<sup>th</sup>, and all permits were complying and were renewed. The Somerville Biosafety Committee reviews

applications that come in to operate utilizing RDNA or biological agents, which is a very broad umbrella of materials. The labs file reports through their own internal biosafety committees and then report back to us so we can keep track of changes that might be occurring in practice or in the physical spaces of the laboratories here in Somerville. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, application for residential rodent assistance program will be moved to an online application process.

#### **4. HHS Updates-Karin Carroll**

We have been working with the Mayor and Finance department to plan our budget and goals for the next year. It is a challenging time for the municipalities financially, but we anticipate maintaining our excellent standards of service while focusing on the needs of our most vulnerable residents. HHS will be hosting several events this Spring including Veterans parade, Week of the Young Child, Flag Raising, LGBTQ+ Fostering Information Night Karen Carroll stated that there will be further conversation regarding Social Consumption of Cannabis with the larger city offices as well.

#### **5. Next Meeting :05/14/2026**

**Meeting Adjourn:** Brian Green moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. seconded by Margaret H Coit seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Barrows  
Board of Health Recording Secretary