



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
ACTING AGENT FOR BOH

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
March 3, 2022

Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

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

Meeting Call to Order: Dr. Green made a motion to open up the meeting at 6.02pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

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

Minutest Approval: Dr, Green made a motion to suspend approval of the February 17, 2022 minutes until amended by Recording Secretary, Ms. Teixeira.

Mask Mandate Updates: Board members made their recommendations on the current City of Somerville's mask mandate. We want to mention that the CDC data shows that cases of covid19 are declining and continue to do so. However Tufts University has seen an increase among its students and they are ramping up their protocol to insure all need to comply with the city standards and the CDC guidelines. Dr Green stated that the March 3, 2002 board meeting is not a community meeting. The Somerville Public Schools at this time is keeping the mask mandate in place for teachers, students and other staff. All medical facilities, public transportation (buses & trains) the face mandate will stay in effect.

Board Member, Ms. Machado made a motion to vote on rescind the City of Somerville's Face Covering (Masks) order currently in place, except for Schools, Medical Facilities, and Public Transportation. The effective date will be Saturday, March 5, 2022. It was seconded by Dr. Green.

A roll call vote was taken

Dr. Green – Yes
Paula Machado – Yes
Robert Ciccio – Yes

All in Favor – The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting

March 17, 2022

Meeting Adjourn: Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Roll Call Vote to adjourn meeting

Dr. Green – Yes

Robert Ciccio – Yes

Paula Machado – Yes

All in favor – motion passed unanimously.

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List of Documents:

Notice/Agenda, Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Henkle-Teixeira

Board of Health Recording Secretary

March 10, 2022