



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2019
165 Broadway, East Somerville

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Director; Ade Solarin, ISD Deputy Director, and Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager

Guests: Jason Grossfield, Assistant City Solicitor, Student from local university observing meeting

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:45pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Mr. Ciccio, the March 5, 2019 minutes, were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Updates: Director, Mr. Kress handed out a summary of Share Table literature, explaining what a share table is. The SPS would like the Board to give permission to allow share tables (food) in the school cafeteria, as long as the criteria are being met. A short conversation amongst members convened and Mr. Ciccio said he was in favor; this would help reduce food waste. Dr. Green made a motion to accept the Share Table concept for all Somerville Public Schools. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CDB oil usage will be an agenda item next month for discussion.

Dr. Green made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00pm for the Purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, 21(a) (3) re: Himigri Enterprises Inc. et al v. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

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Food Code Updates: Ade Solarin from ISD came to the board to update the members on the food code. He handed out literature and he spoke briefly on six (6) topics of interest. They were: (1) Proposed Schedule for Food License Renewals, (2) Ventless Hood Policy Proposal, and (3) Public Notification of Inspection Report, (4) Plastic Straw & Stirrer Ordinance to ban them, (5) Food Establishment Definition and Food Establishment Fees, and (6) Food Establishment Guidance on Retail Operations. A few concerns were brought up regarding when to issue late fees, will it be legal to fine on June 16th when there are two weeks left to an establishment's license which expires on June 30th. Ventless Hoods, if an establishment wishes to install hoodless vents, then a variance would be required through the Board of Health. The



variance can be withdrawn if any of the following should happen – generate unpleasant pungent odor, cause eye & nose irritation, cause asphyxiation and any other health concerns.

Next Meeting: Upcoming meeting Thursday, April 25, 2019; location to be determined

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Sign-In Sheet, Agenda, March 5, 2019 Minutes, Food Code Updates

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
March 26, 2019