

Celia pointed out in the Chair's report that Doctor Bell should be accurately identified as the President of the Vermont Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the President of the Vermont Medical Society. Also included in the Chair's report there should be a reference noting Celia announced to the Board that there was a Health Equity Group put together by the Burlington School District and the group included a focus on accessibility. The Board of Health members will participate as representatives of the Board and not as individuals.

These were included in a Motion by Patrick to accept the amended minutes from the January meeting.

There was a 2nd by Jenny. Unanimous vote in favor.

2. Public Forum

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No members of the public attended the meeting.

Subject

2.1. Verbal Comments

Meeting

February 12, 2024 - Board of Health - Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:30 PM,
Burlington Board of Health
645 Pine Street Main Conference Room or remotely by zoom

Category

2. Public Forum

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Council and Board

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3. Board Member Vacancy update

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Members thanked Patrick for his advertising for the vacancy, which resulted in 6 applicants for review by City Council. The board discussed potentially participating in tonight's City Council, Mayor presiding, meeting at 8:30. Selection of a BOH member from the 5 applicants listed on the agenda.

Patrick suggested the board could weigh in on future BOH selections by sending recommended questions to the City Council committee or participating as a member of the public at the city council committee meetings.

Celia suggested that when the next board vacancy is announced by City Council, the board could send a message to the city council which would let them know what the board's current priorities are.

Ines suggested more participation in the panel or board selection process by vote.

The board will continue this discussion pending the announcement of the next member.

4. Eradicating Systemic Racism

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Item amended to be titled: Equity Access update.

Ines spoke about voter information and access for Burlington residents.

As of March 2023, all legal residents have the right to vote in Burlington. There is an online registration form available for Burlington residents who are not United States Citizens. The form is available currently in 7 translated versions. Ines compiled the information she found on legal resident voting and language access. Information about the subjects will be a topic of an upcoming BOH Front Porch Forum post on improving equity for residents.

Ines gave an overview of the Burlington School District's 2023-2024 Equity Community Workshop Series. She spoke about upcoming dates for the series and the potential for BOH collaboration. The board will revisit participation in the series at upcoming meetings.

Celia – Superintendents Family Advisory group that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. She will reach out to Victor Prussack to ask if this would parallel our board's work on health equity and access.

Patrick brought up the January meeting of the CommStat on substance abuse where the topics of discussion included safe injection sites and the successfulness of the first responder team in Burlington. Patrick discusses the current funding for the BFD first responder team and initial successes. He will reach out to Fire Chief Lachance and offer data support.

5. New Budget Requests

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The board reviewed items from last meeting, which included sunscreen, syringe containers and a donation request.

Celia brought up the sunscreen handouts for tabling and had a sample with her. Patrick reported he had not received word back from the city attorney's office on any legal concerns with the board supplying sunscreen handouts.

Jenny gave an update of her sunscreen check in with Vermont cancer center. There are options for smaller personal containers and larger volume dispenser pumps. The focus remains on providing high quality sunscreen. There are examples of the city marathon which had applicators in pumps around town. These would be similar to what people typically see in hand sanitizer dispenser pumps.

The board discussed the tabling option of having something small for visitors to take an item with them with a custom BOH sticker. We have \$2,600 in budget funds remaining.

Jenny made a motion to approve the purchase of 150 units of sunscreen at \$2.85 each. Ines gave a 2nd to the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

The board considered an expense of \$500 or \$600 for a board member to attend a conference. Bill pointed out that this year's funds, if approved by the board, would need to be for a conference before July 1, 2024.

The board discussed the tragic passing of previous board Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, partner of previous BOH chair Julie Hathaway. Patrick made a motion to approve \$250 to Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne Memorial Fund. Ines gave a 2nd to the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. Chair Report

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Pesticide applications may be a topic at the next meeting, depending on what Bill hears from applicants.

Celia spoke about gun violence. She is writing an email to the Burlington School District on the topic and offering support if the Burlington school district has any recommendations on BSD committees that the BOH should be working with.

She heard back from Lavar at King Street and wrote that the board would participate in a meeting/information evening for families, parents and caregivers on gun violence prevention and safe gun storage. She is awaiting a reply and will report back.

On the matter of "Oakledge for all", she will begin a resolution supporting access for all and report back on the work for members to suggest edits.

7. Emerging Issues

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No additional items were discussed at the meeting.

8. Public Outreach / Communications

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This item was covered by updates in earlier agenda items.

9. Adjournment

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Ines made a motion to adjourn and Jenny gave a 2nd.
Unanimous vote in favor. **The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.**

Subject	9.1. Motion to adjourn
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Recommended Action	
9.1. Motion to adjourn	