



BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
645 PINE STREET OR REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 19, 2023

1. Agenda

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Subject **1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda**

Meeting October 19, 2023 - Board of Health - Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:30 PM, 645 Pine Street OR REMOTELY via ZOOM

Category 1. Agenda

Department

Type

Recommended Action

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Celia Bird.

Patrick motioned to approve the amended agenda to include September minutes after August minutes approval, 2nd by Jenny. Unanimous support.

The August draft minutes were motioned for approval by Patrick, 2nd by Hannah. Unanimous support.

September draft minutes were motioned for approval by Jenny, 2nd By Ines. Unanimous support.

2. Public Forum

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No public forum attendees

Subject **2.1. Verbal Comments**

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Category 2. Public Forum

Department Council and Board

Type

2.1. Verbal Comments

3. Board organizational items-

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The Board reiterated their support for alternating the meetings between the Bushor Conference Room at City Hall and 645 Pine Street every other month. The purpose of changing the meeting locations was for equity purposes. The change will provide a location closer to some residents who would like to participate if the meetings are closer to their homes.

Ines asked about the posting of the vacant BOH member position. Bill will check with the Clerk/Treasurer's office to confirm whether it was or was not advertised.

Subject 3.1. Rotational meetings set for the next four months, rotating from City Hall to 645 Pine St.

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Category 3. Board organizational items-

Department Permitting & Inspections

Type

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4. Housing inspection update from Bill Ward

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Bill Ward gave an overview of the current housing inspections. The general number of units was reported as 3,040 Rental Properties (buildings) and 10,118 Units (rentals in buildings).

There was an overview of the 1-5 year rental Certificates issued when a property passes inspection.

There was an update on problem properties which highlighted 184 Church Street. This property has a pending hearing with the Housing Board of Review to suspend their rental certificate for 1 year.

5. Sharps disposal

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Patrick spoke about the reporting on City Staff picking up a growing number of found syringes. Ines discussed the city council resolution declaring the substance-use disorder crisis the top public safety issue facing the city right now. City Council will now have a standing agenda item on this at each meeting. She suggested we expand the standing BOH agenda item, including this as the board's agenda item along with syringe disposal. Ines also discussed the proposed Burlington Fire Department Emergency Response team. Patrick will follow up in future meetings about the City Council updates. He noted that the current CommStat monthly meetings are a key element of the community's opioid strategy.

6. Eradicating Systemic Racism

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Ines updated the Board on the REIB department reorganization in progress. She noted there are 2 manager positions open and asked board members to encourage strong candidates to apply.

She also talked about the two focus areas of REIB, which are the Youth Public Safety Task Force and the

7. Budget requests

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The board discussed the remaining budget for the next 6 months. Patrick commented on the value of board members receiving training or attending conferences if that can be accommodated. Bill noted that the Board was previously a member of The National Association of Local Boards of Health, NALBOH. There is a Nalboh annual conference which Bill will share information about in future meetings. Jenny mentioned the value of training put on by the VT League of Cities and Towns, which members could attend.

8. Chair Report

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On the issue of gun safety, Celia discussed information from Moms Demand Action for the board to review. She discussed secure gun storage and shared an email with background information.

Hannah shared that she contacted school board members about gun safety and safe storage. They contacted the superintendent about including this information in parent outreach. The School Board Chair replied to Hannah to say it was an important issue that was of interest to the board.

Front Porch Forum access was discussed and Patrick had not confirmed access to the log-in since Josh resigned. Bill will confirm with FPF that Patrick is an authorized user and should be granted access. Jenny suggested safe gun storage would be a good topic for a post based on the board's recent work. Celia and Jenny will work together on a post to share.

Celia mentioned the Board of Health meeting being a specific date, like the current second Thursday of the month. She asked if it could be changed if the board voted at a future meeting and Bill said it could be changed by a vote.

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8.1. Emerging Issues

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8. Chair Report

Department

Permitting & Inspections

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8.1. Emerging Issues

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8.2. Public outreach/Communications

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8.2. Public outreach/Communications

9. Next Meeting – Currently set as November 14, 2023 at City Hall

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10. Adjournment

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Ines made a motion to adjourn. Patrick 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

Subject	10.1. Motion to adjourn
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Category	10. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board
Type	
Recommended Action	
10.1. Motion to adjourn	