

## NORTHAMPTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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### February 17, 2022 Minutes

**BOH Members Present:** Dr. Joanne Levin; Dr. Suzanne Smith; Dr. Cynthia Suopis; and Dr. Laurent Levy  
**Staff:** Merridith O’Leary, Director; Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk; Vivian Franklin, RN; and Amy Hutchins, Assistant Director

**Public Comment Session:** Dr. Levin announced that public comments would be limited to two minutes per person and the meeting was being recorded. There were several members of the public that spoke.

**I. Meeting opened February 17, 2022** at 5:41 pm by Dr. Levin.

**Motion:** Motion made to open the meeting by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

### II. Department Updates:

- COVID Update – Vivian Franklin, RN reviewed local COVID data.

### III. Old Business:

- Mask Order - The Board discussed possible metrics to use for lifting the order. The mask mandate will remain in effect and will be discussed at the next meeting.

### IV. New Business

- Metrics – Director O’Leary presented a number of metrics which could be used to help make decisions regarding instituting public health measures in the future. It was noted that the CDC is also considering new benchmarks for masks based on a variety of measures such as level of severe disease and hospitalization. They are likely to publish recommendations soon.

### V. Review Minutes

#### A. Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2022.

**Motion: Approved as amended:** Motion made by Dr. Levy to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Suopis. All were in favor (4-0).

**Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting:** Motion made to close the Board of Health meeting by Dr. Suopis, seconded by Dr. Smith. All in favor (4-0).

Meeting closed at 7:00 PM.

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: March 10, 2022

Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk

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### Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting. These documents are available for review at the:

**Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060**

- Meeting Agenda
- February 3, 2022 Minutes