

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board on June 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM. Full Board was in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Mr. Fiske Dr. Andrade, and Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio).

I briefly greeted the members and passed the floor to Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the Board voted on and approved them unanimously.

The next item: we introduced to the Board a Brockton resident who is an entrepreneur with interest to invest in the City. He had questions on certain ordinances and restrictions that the City and BOH enforce in Brockton, i.e.: the use of tobacco (hookah) in restaurants, food truck, etc. He's expected to return to the Board at some point in the future when he has more specific information. BOH will entertain conversation with the Mayor, City Councilors, Board Members (BOH), and other stakeholders on some of these issues.

Dr. Andrade has explained why Brockton has placed caps on smoking, and that is part of the effort to maintain smoking at level in comparison to other Cities and towns, while at the time making Brockton a more welcoming environment for everyone.

As it relates to food trucks operating in and around Brockton, all three 3 Board members raised questions on the existing restrictions. To that effect, Dr. Andrade asked that City Councilors weight in on that issue. Mr. Fiske said that he knew a family who owned a food truck in Brockton, and Dr. Brophy added that ordinances may be changed.

I also updated the Board on the COVID-19 dashboard for Brockton. As of June, Brockton was in the yellow, with a daily average of 11 cases per day per 100,000, and a COVID-19 positive test rate of about 3%.

I also updated the Board members of the on the acquisition of the Van for the Dept in order to do outreach and education, as well as doing vaccination. All the Board members welcomed the initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM; and our next meeting is scheduled for July 1st, 2021.