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BOH: Minutes from the Board Meeting on August 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM. The Members in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Fr. Fiske, Dr. Craig Andrade, and myself, Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio).

Procedurally, I welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. Dr. Brophy called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fiske so moved and Dr. Brophy seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Dr. Brophy introduced the next agenda item to be presented by:

The issue was on Tobacco permits which was presented to the Board by attorney Nessralla on behalf of 2 convenience Stores. The item was presented previously, and was differed for the next meeting so as to give enough time to consult with the City Law Department on legal ground. The consultation was addressed and Counsel requested additional information, which was then requested from the parties. So the case was deferred until further notice, as voted on by the Board Members

The next agenda item was rDNA, a Life Science Initiative introduced by Mr. Rob May and his team. After multiple meetings at the Board level and many discussions with staff and consultants from other Municipalities, the Board shared with the Mayor information that it received. Moving forward, one of the possibilities is for Brockton to hire a consultant whose talks would be to work on behalf of the City, making sure that Researchers and scientists looking to promote their work here provide as much information that will help the elected Officials and the Community create a more vibrant and a safe neighborhood. The Board is waiting to hear from the Mayor

COVID-19 Update: I, Eno Mondesir provided the latest COVID-19 Statistics to the Directors. I spoke of the prevalence of COVID-19 in Brockton, including various aspects of COVID-19 data: MAVEN, Wastewater sample from Brockton

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sewer. Then, I highlighted for the Directors the ongoing vaccination campaign in the City by the BOH Public Health Nurses.

Dr. Brophy: after I provided the COVID-19 update, Dr. Brophy asked if there were any questions from other Directors. At that, Mr. Fiske answered that the information presented was valuable, and that he did not have any further comment or questions.

Update on the City Vision to Transition from the Current “Board of Health” to a Health Department. As City Councilors voted this year for the plan to be executed, the Board voted in favor of delegating to me (Eno, the Director of the BOH) the task to write to the Mayor, requesting a meeting with him to discuss the plan. A couple of days later, I did submit the letter to the Mayor via email and cc’d Board of Directors. I have not received a reply yet.

On the Brockton Hospital closure due to the Fire in February: I summarized for the Board the initiatives undertaken by the Hospital Personnel and various stakeholders to tackle the problem. The Hospital Administrators continue to remedy the situation, but a date to reopen the Hospital is still pending.

Miscellaneous:

I reminded the Directors about the Executive Order signed by Governor Healey, extending the authorization for Public Meetings to continue virtually until March 31, 2025. Unless there a very critical issue that would require a special session in July, the next BOH meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023

Closing the Meeting: As the meeting draws to an end, Dr. Brophy made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fiske seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.