



NEW JERSEY LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting Location

South Brunswick Municipal Building

*540 Ridge Avenue * South Brunswick, New Jersey*

*P.O. Box 5069 * Kendall Park, NJ 08824*

*December 11, 2021 * Meeting held Virtually*

The Regular Meeting of the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association was called to order by Chairman Christine Harris at 11:14 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: George Diferdinando, Steve Papenberg, Michael Richmond, Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Christine Harris

Absent: Jeremy Grayson, Jo Hochman, Karen Lukenda, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis, Nancy Wilson, Robert Uhrick, Joan Valas,

Guests: Steve Ember, Middlesex BOH, Ketsia Sadler, Englewood BOH, Ruthann Russo, Kean University Professor

Introductions of members and guests.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2021

The motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 20, 2021 was first moved by Mr. Papenberg, seconded by Dr. Diferdinando, all in favor by voice vote.

President Harris reported that Ruthann Russo, Kean University reached out to this Board.

President Harris reported that she received a report from Laura Stanzilis. Ms. Stanzilis reached out to Colleen McKay–Wharton at Rutgers University; they will talk in January 2022 to discuss developing a collaborative relationship. Dr. Russo is also willing to partner with this Board.

President Harris reported that Paul Roman will serve as interim President beginning January 1, 2022. President Harris has been president for the past six years and will step down from the position but remain on Board.

Dr. Diferdinando explained Ms. McKay–Wharton role at Rutgers University at the School for Public Health. Per President Harris, we are interested in updating our orientation manual. We update our website as best we can with updated information. President Harris provided information that can be found on our website.

PHACE – Paul Roman

Mr. Roman requested clarification on memberships for Dr. Russo and Mr. Grayson. Mr. Papenberg will reach out to Mr. Grayson regarding his participation on this Board. Per Mr. Roman, he received the check for membership dues to the NJ Public Health Association (NJPHA) which provides five memberships with the fee. Mr. Roman is the ex–officio member of their board.



Board members received Mr. Roman's report dated November 14th.

Mr. Roman will send out membership information and renewals.

Mr. Roman reported that Robert Wood Johnson Foundation gave a grant to the Bloustein School and developed a team to partner together on a study on NJ public health structure. Mr. Roman explained the study.

Public Health Council

Mr. Roman reported on the Public Health Council, its history and current activities. He stated that PHACE and other groups would like to see the Public Health Council reinstated. There were discussions on the PHC's activities. Mr. Richmond explained the Executive Order. He stated that this organization needs to begin to develop education geared towards governing bodies. Mr. Roman reported on legislative bills and its current status before the legislative body.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg reported on the current balance as of November 30, 2021. Invoices that need to be paid are for copies, postage, membership due, recording secretary for November and December and insurance policy, totaling \$1,727.52.

The motion to approve invoice payments was first made by Mr. Roman, seconded by Dr. Diferdinando, all in favor by voice vote.

Membership Roster

Mr. Saccenti went over the membership renewals, potential roster for 2022, and vacant positions. Mr. Roman has agreed to act as the interim President for 2022 until a placement is made. Voting packages need to be sent out. We need someone to handle the communications, which includes the newsletter.

First Meeting for January 2022

The first meeting for 2022 will be January 15 beginning at 11:00 am.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm was first moved by Mr. Papenberg, seconded by Dr. Diferdinando, all in favor by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie M. Moy

Recording Secretary