

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Ms. Debbie L. Moss, President of the Board at 9:04 a.m. via teleconference, on March 14, 2020.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Ms. Debbie Moss, Mr. James T. Gatt, Dr. Gregory L. Hall, Mr. Douglas Wang.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to excuse Dr. Sherrie Williams from this meeting due to work responsibilities at the time of this meeting.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang.

Legislative Update – Sunshine Laws

Mr. Tom O'Donnell provided the Board with an update on the public meetings laws. Mr. O'Donnell advised that the Ohio Sunshine Law, ORC 121.22 requires appointed or elected members of a public body to be present to make a quorum and to vote. There are no exceptions. The Ohio legislature adopted ORC 5502.24 which permits government bodies to move meetings in times of emergency but it stops short of expressly allowing such bodies to meet virtually. Ohio Attorney General Yost published an opinion interpreting both statutes and concluded that virtual meetings are permissible in light of the current state of public health emergency so long as the public has access to attend and participate in the meeting.

Dr. Sherrie Williams joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Williams, that pursuant to Resolution 1993-43 and O.R.C. Sec 121.22 the Board Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss emergency matters.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Executive Session began at 9:12 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:06 a.m. with a Motion by Mr. Wang seconded by Dr. Hall,

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Miscellaneous Business –

Thereupon, it was also moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION (2020-01D) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Declare a State of Public Health Emergency.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

After much discussion regarding contracting for outside medical professional help, it was also moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2020-02D) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter and execute contracts with additional medical personnel to assist with the public health emergency response.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Thereupon, it was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

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Terry Allan, Secretary



Ms. Debbie L. Moss, President