



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

PRESENT:

Jo-Ann Keegan, Chairperson
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, Board Member
William Galvin, Board Member
Erin Gendron, Board Member
Alison Keegan, Board Member
Lisa Golden, Director of Health and Human Services

3/4/2026 – Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. For Approval: Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 4, 2026 meeting of the Lowell Board of Health made by Erin Gendron, seconded by Alison Keegan. All in favor

1.II. For Review: Development Services Monthly Reports submitted by Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Matthew Sheehan

Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Matt Sheehan reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Sheehan will update the Board regarding the proposed tattoo festivals regulations at the next meeting.

1.III. For Review: PrideStar EMS Inc. Monthly Reports and Notifications

Mr. Jon Kelley, Pridestar EMS, Inc. was present to review the reports with the Board. Mr. Kelley noted that within Lowell, 41% of Narcan dosing is administered by community members.

1.IV. For Approval: Body Art Apprentice License - Tattoo Only

Motion: To approve the Body Art Apprentice license for Maria Raja Astudillo by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor

VOTE:

Jo-Ann Keegan – Yes
William Galvin - Yes
Erin Gendron - Yes
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - Yes
Alison Keegan - Yes
Yes - 5 No-0

1.V. For Review: Central Mass Mosquito Control Program proposed FY27 budget

The Board accepted and placed on file. Director Golden noted that more residents have been requesting this free service and Lowell did proactive spraying for West Nile Virus five times last summer.

1.VI. For Review: Monthly Tobacco Control Report submitted by Tobacco Control Director Cesar Pungirum. The Board accepted and placed on file. Director Golden informed the Board that Cesar Pungirum will be attending the next meeting to discuss certain not-tobacco products being present in establishments. A discussion on Kratom occurred with Member Erin Gendron noting there are now 20 other cities/town banning Kratom with four more with pending regulations to ban the product, as well as a bill currently in the State House of Representatives.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.I. For Review: Cashins & Associates Air Quality Report
The Board reviewed the report and placed on file.

3. DEPARTMENTAL/DIVISIONAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Golden reviewed the reports with the Board.

Director Golden informed the Board that there have now been two cases of measles in Massachusetts, and the school nurses have been made aware. Additionally, the Health Department has now received some adult vaccines (MMR, Td, Varicella, and Polio) for uninsured adults that can't get them at another location. Director Golden will follow-up with Sr. Syringe Coordinator Andres Gonzalez regarding the figures for January and February.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 6:39PM was made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 1, 2026 AT 6:00PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM
CITY HALL 375 MERRIMACK ST, 2ND FLOOR**