



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF HEALTH

**PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED:** Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, Board Member

Chairperson Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**4/1/2026 - Minutes**

**1. NEW BUSINESS**

**1.I. For Approval:** Minutes of the March 4, 2026 Meeting of the Lowell Board of Health

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

**1.II. For Review:** PrideStar EMS, Inc. Reports and Notifications submitted by Jon Kelley

The Board accepted and placed the reports on file.

**1.III. For Discussion:** Ambulance Contract

Mr. Chris Dick and Mr. John Chemaly from PrideStar EMS, Inc. were present to speak with the Board regarding the contract extension.

**Motion:** To extend the ambulance contract by one year made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

**VOTE:**

Jo-Ann Keegan - yes  
William Galvin - yes  
Erin Gendron - yes  
Alison Keegan - yes  
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - absent

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**1.IV. For Approval:** NHBS Program

Shauna Onofrey, Principal Investigator & Epidemiologist, and Justin Hinchey, Project Coordinator, spoke with the Board regarding the program which looks at underlying risks of HIV infection within 3 groups of the population. The program uses an interviewer administered survey within the target populations. Discussion on the program occurred. The Board felt this is a good program based on the rise in HIV cases in the area.

**1.IV.i. HANDOUT** - 4.1.26 National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) Program

Handout provided by Shauna Onofrey with an overview of the NHBS program.

**1.V. For Review:** Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted by Cesar Pungirum, Program Director

The Board accepted and placed on file.

**1.VI. For Review:** Monthly Development Services Reports Submitted by Matthew Sheehan

Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Matthew Sheehan was present to review the reports with the Board. Mr. Sheehan informed the Board of schools that failed their inspections, including the new LHS Culinary Lab for hood/ansul systems not having a current inspection tag.

**Motion:** To have the appropriate School Department staff attend the May 6, 2026 Board of Health meeting regarding the failed inspections was made by Alison Keegan, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

Mr. Sheehan informed the Board that the City Council will be voting to pass the proposed "Temporary Tattoo Festival" fee. Mr. Sheehan will bring the proposed regulations before the Board for review at the next meeting.

**1.VII. Request to Address the Board** - Julia DeMoura - I Love Beauty - Mill St

Ms. Julia DeMoura was present to speak to the Board regarding the Body Art Apprentice program. Ms. DeMoura requested that the Board consider raising the number of apprentices she is allowed to oversee at one time and to lower the required time to less than a year for microblading apprentices. The Board informed Ms. DeMoura that the Microblading Apprentice license was good for a year, but the apprentice is able to complete the required education in less than a year. Ms. DeMoura also requested the Board consider a 15-mile restriction between allowed microblading shops. Director of Health & Human Services Lisa Golden explained that type of restriction would fall under the Zoning Regulations which currently restricts body art shops closer than 750 feet between locations. Ms. DeMoura requested that the Board consider re-opening the regulations to allow eye-liner micropigmentation and she will obtain other towns' regulations.

**1.VIII. For Approval:** Body Art Apprentice License - Microblading

The Board discussed the required paperwork for the applicant. The Board requires the Apprentice Client Consent form to be submitted and will hold off on the Professional Membership and notification to the Board of Licensure until she applies for the full Practitioner license.

**Motion:** To approve the Apprentice-Microblading License for Liana Cheng, placing the membership and notification to the MA Board of Cosmetology on hold and pending receipt of the Apprentice Client consent form made by Alison Keegan, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

**2. OLD BUSINESS****3. DEPARTMENTAL AND DIVISIONAL REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Director of Health & Human Services Lisa Golden reviewed the reports with the Board. Discussion on the number of syringes collected occurred. Additionally, the Public Health Nurses are now giving vaccinations for Hepatitis A & B, MMR, Polio, Varicella and Tdap to underinsured/uninsured individuals.

**4. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** To adjourn the April 1, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health at 7:15PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor

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