



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

William Galvin, Board Member
Alison Keegan, Board Member

Chairperson Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

5/6/2026 - Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. For Approval: Minutes of the April 1, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 1, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.II. For Review: Tobacco Control Monthly Report submitted by Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director
Tobacco Control Director Cesar Pungirum reviewed the reports with the Board. Discussion regarding nitrous oxide availability, compliance checks and smoking outside of food establishments occurred.
Director of Health & Human Services Lisa Golden noted that the public can report suspected violations to the City's 3-1-1 system.

1.III. Communication: Request to Attend May 6, 2026 - Lowell Public Schools
Rick Underwood, LPS Facilities Manager, was present to speak with the Board. Discussion on the schools' ANSUL systems and rodents occurred. The Board was informed that Development Services Manager Lloyd DeJesus will allow the Culinary Art program's ANSUL system to be inspected every 6 months due to the low grill usage. Banner Pest Control continues to provide pest control services on a more frequent basis and Mr. Underwood wanted the Board to know that Banner Pest "goes above and beyond" by coming twice a month instead of once monthly as per contract. Mr. Underwood also noted that Banner Pest Control always shows up when called. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of the children eating in one location to keep the food out of the classrooms. Mr. Underwood indicated that logistics made that impossible. The Board again stressed the need for food in the classrooms to be kept in sealed containers.

1.IV. For Review: PrideStar EMS Inc Monthly Reports submitted by Jon Kelley, Director of Communications and IT
The Board accepted the reports and placed them on file.

1.V. PUBLIC HEARING -6:30 PM - REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO BODY ART REGULATIONS

Public Hearing called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Keegan for those in favor.
Applicant Bichtram Nguyen was present with a friend (Lily Ngo) acting as her interpreter. Discussion on Ms. Nguyen's actual experience in the field of microblading occurred. The Board noted that Ms. Nguyen has only shadowed a microblading practitioner and has never held any type of license for microblading, therefore doesn't meet the experience requirements in the regulations.

Chairperson Keegan closed this portion of the public hearing and opened the portion for opposition at 6:57 PM. No persons were present in opposition and at 7:01PM Chairwoman Keegan closed the public hearing. The Board discussed the variance request.

Motion: to deny the request for a variance as the petitioner does not have the required two years of experience as a microblader was made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

VOTE:

Jo-Ann Keegan - yes

Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - yes

Erin Gendron - Yes

William Galvin - not present

Alison Keegan - not present.

Vote to deny the variance passes 3-0

1.VI. For Review: Development Services Monthly Report submitted by Matthew Sheehan, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Mr. Matthew Sheehan began reviewing the departmental reports prior to the start of the Public Hearing at 6:30PM and continued this review after the close of the hearing at 7:01 PM. Discussion on the Temporary Tattoo festival permit occurred.

1.VII. Body Art Establishment - New – Microblading: Haircare Salon 12 Wood St

Motion: To hold approval in abeyance until Practitioner situation is addressed made by Erin Gendron, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.VIII. Body Art Practitioner - New - Microblading

Motion: To deny the application made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.IX. For Approval: Funeral Directors Licensing 2026-2027

Motion: To approve the Funeral Directors' 2026-2027 licenses made by Erin Gendron, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.X. Nominations: Animal Control Inspector 2026-2027

Motion: To approve the nominations for three Animal Inspectors made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.XI. Informational: Restoration Center of Greater Lowell opening

Director of Health & Human Services Lisa Golden reviewed the program with the Board.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. DEPARTMENT AND DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Director of Health & Human Services Golden reviewed the reports with the Board.

The next Unwanted Medication Day will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 10AM to 2 PM at the Lowell Council on Aging, 276 Broadway Street.

Discussion on the syringe collection data occurred. Member Gendron asked that the weights of syringes be differentiated.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn the May 6, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health at 7:31PM made by Erin Gendron, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH
WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2026 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM, CITY HALL, 375 MERRIMACK ST 2ND FLOOR**