



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED: Alison Keegan, Member

Chairperson Keegan called the August 5, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health to order at 6:00PM

8/5/2026 - Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. For Approval: Minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

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

Jon Kelley, PrideStar EMS, Inc., reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Kelley noted that June had the lowest number of overdoses since 2011. Mr. Kelley and Jacqueline Allard, LGH Director of Emergency Services, reviewed an actual case regarding the use of the 911 system that involved all emergency response providers (Police, Fire, PrideStar EMS, and Lowell General Paramedics) as an example of the use of the 911 system. Mr. Kelley would like to add similar narratives to future reports.

1.III. Discussion and Review: PrideStar EMS Pre-hospital Buprenorphine Administration Proposal

Mr. Kelley reviewed the proposal with the Board. Dr. Mollie Quip, Pridestar Medical Director and Dr. Audra Williams, Addiction Medicine and the Bridge Clinic, were also present to discuss the proposal which would use Opioid Settlement funding. Administration of Buprenorphine assists with withdrawal symptoms and patients are four times more likely to enter treatment. Dr. Galvin inquired if anyone who receives Narcan would receive Buprenorphine. Dr. Quip reviewed the State protocols in place and the updates that will be in place as of August 17, 2026, and how that will affect the use of Buprenorphine. Dr. Williams informed the Board that just after the use of Narcan is a perfect opportunity to help direct people to treatment, noting that Buprenorphine is very safe. Director Golden informed the Board that this would be an appropriate use of the OSF and she supports this proposal.

Motion: to support this project and recommend the use of the Opioid Settlement funding made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

Vote: to support this project and recommend the use of the Opioid Settlement funding

Jo-Ann Keegan - Yes
Erin Gendron - Yes
William Galvin - Yes
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - Yes
Alison Keegan - excused

1.IV. 31 Pemberton Street - Title V variance request

Director Golden reviewed the reason for the request with the Board. Israel Burl with Burl Engineering addressed the Board regarding the reason for the variance request. Mr. Burl noted that this new system would be an alternative septic system that would be better for the location due to the water table levels.

Motion: to support the proposed variances and approve Director of Health & Human Services to sign any necessary paperwork made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

Vote: to support the proposed variances and approve Director of Health & Human Services to sign any necessary paperwork.

Jo-Ann Keegan - Yes

Erin Gendron - Yes

William Galvin - Yes

Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - Yes

Alison Keegan - excused

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

Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Matthew Sheehan reviewed the reports with the Board. The schools will have biannual inspections during the week of September 14, 2026. Sr. Inspector Sheehan also spoke about the rodent issues in the city and how people putting food out for wildlife also attracts the rodents.

1.VI. Informational: School Based Health Summer Schedule

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VII. Informational: Unwanted Medication Takeback Day - September 19, 2026

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VIII. Communication: Central Mass Mosquito Control Program Monthly Spray Schedule

Director Golden updated the Board regarding area West Nile Virus and EEE positive mosquitoes in the surrounding towns, noting there have been no human cases at this time. There have been no positive mosquitoes yet in Lowell, but she expects that will change in the future.

2. OLD BUSINESS**2.I. Informational: LA Times 6.19.26 article written by Karen Garcia**

The Board accepted and placed on file.

3. DEPARTMENTAL/DIVISIONAL REPORTS AND UPDATES**3.I. Departmental and Divisional Reports**

Director Golden reviewed the reports with the Board. Chairwoman Keegan noted that Lowell Quick Stop Corp 189 E. Merrimack St was found selling tobacco products without a permit for a second time on July 24, 2026.

Chairperson Keegan requested that the owner of the establishment appear before the Board at the September 2, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

4.I. Motion: To Adjourn the August 5, 2026 meeting of the Lowell Board of Health

Motion: To adjourn the August 5, 2026 meeting of the Lowell Board of Health at 7:05PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

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