



CITY OF METHUEN
METHUEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday March 4, 2026, 6:00 PM
Searles Building 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Date: March 4, 2026

Call to Order : 6:00 PM

MOTION: Jodie Lamirande
SECONDED: Abbey Myers
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Member in Attendance:

Jodie Lamirande MSCJA, MSW, LICSW
Donald Marcus, DVM
Abbey Myers RHHS/RS
Traci Lavigne-Milnes RN

Others in Attendance:

Caeli Tegan Zampach
Paula George
Ron Beauregard
Rajkumar S. Patel

Acceptance of Minutes: Review minutes of November 19, 2025, meeting

MOTION: Jodie Lamirande
SECOND: Abbey Myers
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Discussion and Decision: Hearing Appeal-Neighborhood Convenience Market, 7 Cross St. Methuen, MA 01844

Brief Summary:

A correction/cease and desist order was issued to Neighborhood Convenience Market, 7 Cross Street, Methuen, MA for selling a tobacco product to a person under the minimum legal sales age. A fine of \$1000.00 was issued to the owner of said premise.

A hearing for an appeal for the violation was requested by the owner. Rajkumar Patel, a representative for the market, was present to ask for the waiver or relief from the fine. The written request for the waiver stated that this business has run for over 13 years with no violations. The owner respectfully offered reassurance that the ID process moving forward will continue to be closely monitored and ID's will be requested regardless of how old a purchaser may appear to be.

Ron Beauregard from Andover Tobacco Control was present to assist with guidelines and questions the board had regarding the violation from the inspection performed by the Coalition of Tobacco Awareness program. He mentioned other cities as well as ours in the past offered a pay by month plan if needed but the violation fine was strictly mandated by the state.

The board considered the offer to propose the owner a payment plan but, in the end, payment in full was the preferred result by Rajkumar Patel and he submitted the payment.

Separately, the board discussed the option to have business owners consider purchasing a register that scans in licenses for each sale. A prompt to scan a license would be triggered with each sale. Any effort to bring awareness to prevent tobacco sales violation was welcomed and further assistance from Ron Beauregard was offered.

Discussion and Decision:

Prohibiting the Manufacturing, Sale, and distribution of
Synthetically derived cannabinoids, Kratom Products, and
Unregulated Novel Intoxication Products.

The materials submitted along with response letters received led to the board's decision to table the discussion to allow ample review time for the next meeting.

MOTION: Motion to table the agenda item- Jodie Lamirande
SECOND: Donald Marcus
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Discussion: Public Health Excellence Governance Board

Caeli Tegan offered a recap of the purpose of the Public Health Excellence Governance Board and answered some questions from the board.

Jodie Laminrande asked how often the meetings are scheduled.

Caeli Tegan Zampach replied that the goal is to meet quarterly.

When applicable, BOH meetings will include a review/follow up of such meetings as part of the agenda.

As the meeting ended the board members requested the tabled meeting be scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026. All agreed.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Abbey Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECONDED: Jodie Lamirande seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Meeting ended at: 6:45 PM

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