

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, March 26, 2020

The Philadelphia Board of Health held an emergency public meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020. The meeting was held virtually using the GoToWebinar platform in light of restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, allowing access to the public via computer or other device and via a toll-free phone number.

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Thomas Farley, Dr. Tyra Bryant-Stephens, Dr. Ana Diez Roux, Dr. Marla Gold, Dr. Jennifer Ibrahim, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Scott McNeal, Dr. John Rich

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Health Commissioner and Board President Thomas Farley, MD, MPH called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**EMERGENCY REGULATION GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19**

Dr. Farley presented on an emergency regulation governing the control and prevention of COVID-19 for consideration by the Board. Farley noted that there have been administrative actions taken by the Mayor and the Health Commissioner in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19, and that the Law Department had recommended that those administrative actions would benefit from the Board's consideration and, if appropriate, the Board's adoption of those actions as regulations. In addition, the Law Department had recommended that the Board expressly authorize the Health Commissioner to take further appropriate action to control the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, the regulation was drafted both to adopt the "Emergency Order Temporarily Prohibiting Operation of Non-Essential Businesses and Congregation of Persons to Prevent the Spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)," signed by the Mayor and Health Commissioner on March 22, 2020, and to expressly authorize the Health Commissioner to take further necessary or appropriate control or prevention measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

**Motion for approval of regulation approved unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.