

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

Thursday, May 14, 2020

The Philadelphia Board of Health held a public meeting on Thursday, May 14, 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, INTRODUCTIONS, AND MINUTES**

Health Commissioner and Board President Thomas Farley, MD, MPH called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Dr. Farley noted that there were two sets of minutes for review and approval.

**Motions for approval of March 12, 2020 and March 26, 2020 minutes approved unanimously.** Following approval of the minutes, Dr. Farley provided an overview of the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Philadelphia.

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REGULATION GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19 (DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY)**

Dr. Farley, with Jo Rosenberger Altman from the Law Department, presented on an emergency regulation governing the control and prevention of COVID-19 for consideration by the Board.

Given recognition that the situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic is fast moving and often requires changes to control measures both to impose additional measures and to roll back required measures when appropriate, the Mayor and Health Commissioner on May 11, 2020 issued an “Amendment to Authorization for the Conduct of Certain Construction Activity Currently Prohibited by the March 22, 2020 Emergency Order Temporarily Prohibiting Operation of Non-Essential Businesses and Individual Activity to Prevent the Spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19),” and the proposed regulation adopted the May 11, 2020 order and expressly authorized the Health Commissioner to modify prior controls that are no longer necessary and to delegate such authority where appropriate.

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

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

Dr. Farley, with Drs. Kristen Feemster and Susan Coffin from the Health Department and the University of Pennsylvania, presented on an emergency regulation governing the control and prevention of COVID-19 for consideration by the Board.

Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (“PMIS”) is a constellation of signs and symptoms consistent with evidence of inflammation and organ dysfunction in single or multiple organs, and has been identified as a possible complication of COVID-19 infection in young people. Dr. Kristen Feemster and Dr. Susan Coffin described why PMIS is a disease of public health importance.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.