

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

Thursday, March 12, 2026

The Philadelphia Board of Health held a public meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform to facilitate access by the public via computer or other device and toll-free phone number.

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Palak Raval-Nelson, Dr. Marla Gold, Dr. Tyra Bryant-Stephens, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Jennifer Ibrahim, Dr. Ana Diez Roux.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Health Commissioner and Board President Palak Raval-Nelson, PhD, MPH called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MEETING ON 11.13.2025**

Dr. Raval-Nelson asked if the Board had reviewed the minutes from the public meeting on November 13, 2025. Dr. Raval-Nelson requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Shara Epstein presented the proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions. The proposed updates addressed the follow diseases and conditions: Viral Hepatitis, Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, Seasonal Influenza, Q Fever, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public asked questions about the difference between novel coronaviruses and COVID-19. Public commenters expressed concerns about the impact of Long COVID.

The Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Raval-Nelson adjourned the meeting.