

Chicago Board of Health Meeting Summary:
November 20th, 2019
Department of Public Health, DePaul Center Boardroom
333 S. State Suite 200 Chicago, IL 60604

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.
Joseph B. Starshak
Steven K. Rothschild, M.D.
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Victor M. Gonzalez
Juan M. Calderon

Board Members Absent

Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Allison Arwady, M.D., Acting Commissioner

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Board President, Dr. Carolyn Lopez.

Approval of Minutes: Quorum was present, and October Minutes were approved.

Commissioner's Update: Acting Commissioner, Dr. Allison Arwady, provided an update on Mayor Lightfoot's Framework for Mental Health Equity and provided a fact sheet to board members.

Comments by the Board President: Dr. Lopez reviewed roles and duties of the Board of Health to the audience.

Comments from Board: The board discussed the Framework for Mental Health Equity and various members asked a series of questions about the plan. Based on member's interest on the subject of mental health, Dr. Arwady advised Dr. Lopez that she will invite the CDPH behavioral health team to make a presentation at the December meeting. The board also had a discussion about the upcoming cannabis regulations taking place in 2020.

Ethics Training: Steven Berlin, Executive Director of the Chicago Board of Ethics, presented a training on Ethics in City Government for Appointed Officials.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.