

District Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021

Call to Order

The District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting was called to order by Chair, Trustee Suzette Hall at 7:09 PM as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Office Teams. The public were invited to view and participate via the Delaware Public Health District You Tube channel.

Roll Call

The secretary, Trustee Rodney Myers was absent. Trustee Hall asked Commissioner Hiddleson to complete a roll call attendance, see attached. Commissioner Hiddleson informed the Chair that a quorum was achieved for the meeting with twenty-three members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Board of Health and Staff

Trustee Hall welcomed the group and requested that Commissioner Hiddleson introduce the Board of Health and staff members present. In attendance were Mr. Pat Blayney, Vice President, Ms. Margie Fleischer, Mr. George Wisener, Ms. Dolores Smith, Mr. David Karr, and Ms. Amy Howerton. Health District staff in attendance were Ms. Shelia Hiddleson, Health Commissioner, Ms. Dawn Hall, Finance and Operations Director, Mr. Steve Burke, Environmental Health Director, Ms. Jen Keagy, Community Health Director, Mr. Adam Howard, Preventative Health Director, Mr. Dustin Kent, Residential Services Program Manager, and Ms. Amy Whitney, HR Officer.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Tommy Hatfield moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sandra Stultz. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Trustee Kevin Hennessy conducted the election of officers for 2021. Trustee Suzette Hall was nominated to serve as Chair and Trustee Rodney Myers as Secretary 2021. Vote was called. Trustee Hall was elected Chair and Trustee Myers as Secretary, this was a unanimous vote for the two positions. Trustee Hennessy thanked Trustee Hall and Trustee Myers for their service to the District Advisory Council.

Chair Comments

Trustee Hall thanked those in attendance for electing her as the Chairperson and for their participation in the District Advisory Council and their vote of confidence.

Appointments

Trustee Kevin Hennessy presented the candidates for the open Board of Health position –he noted that Mr. George Wiesner's appointment was the appointment ending this month. He then asked for other nominations. Trustee Hall nominated Mr. George Wisener to continuing serving the Board of Health; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Stultz. Trustee Grumbles nominated Mr. Pat Tiberi to be appointed to the Board of Health;

the nomination was seconded by Mayor Hatfield. Trustee Hall made a motion to close the nominations; the motion was seconded by Trustee Boysell. The applications for both nominees had been provided to the DAC members in the AM of 03/11/2021. Members of the DAC and the Board of Health discussed the merits of both candidates. Mr. Wisener shared his desire to be reappointed to the Board and his qualifications. Trustee Grumbles asked if Mr. Tiberi could be allowed to address the Board; Trustee Hall asked Commissioner Hiddleson to send Mr. Tiberi the Teams link. Trustee Hennessy made a motion to pause the discussion related to the Board of Health appointment; the motion was seconded by Trustee Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

The discussion continued after item nine and ten were completed. Mr. Tiberi joined the Teams meeting at 8:21 PM. Mr. Tiberi shared his desire to be appointed to the Board of Health and his qualifications. Further discussion ensued by the DAC members and the Board of Health.

Trustee Hennessy requested Commissioner Hiddleson complete a roll-call vote for the appointment of the Board of Health member. Commissioner Hiddleson completed the roll-call vote, see attached. Mr. Tiberi was appointed to the Board of Health.

Annual Report

Dr. Threlfall, Board of Health President was unable to attend tonight's meeting. On behalf of Dr. Threlfall, Mr. Blayney, Board of Health Vice President, provided a few comments. Mr. Blayney reported that the Delaware General Health District has been very successful in the Covid 19 response; the staff have been working seven days a week for over a year to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Blayney also provided an update to the new facility; it is anticipated that occupancy will occur at the end of 2021. It is hoped that next years' DAC meeting can be held in the new building.

Commissioner Hiddleson shared a status update to the Covid response and vaccinations. The Annual Report will be emailed to all members of the DAC as well as being shared with all elected officials and community members that receive the weekly newsletter. It will also be shared on all social media sites and the DPHD webpage.

A few members of the DAC expressed appreciation to the DPHD for the Covid Response thus far.

Other Business


Commissioner Hiddleson reminded the DAC that during last year's meeting Sunbury Village requested to remain with the Combined Health District when they attained city status; the contract will add one more member to the Board of Health that will be appointed by Sunbury Council. Mayor Hatfield shared that the village has not been notified yet about city status and that work continues the Charter City documents.

Next year's meeting date and time was set as follows: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM with a location to be determined.

There was no further business presented. Trustee Boysell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hennessy. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM



President, Trustee Suzette Hall



Health Commissioner, in lieu of Secretary,
Shelia L. Hiddleson, MS, RN