

**Minutes of the
Chicago Board of Health
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Damen Building
1340 S. Damen Ave., 4th Floor Training Room (4024)**

I. Roll Call

Quorum was established based upon the following:

Present In-Person: Janet Lin, MD, MPH, MBA
Debra Wesley, MSW
Carmen Vergara, MPH, RN-BSN
Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA, CDM
Horace E. Smith, MD
Rosa Martínez Colón, MS

Absent: Steven Rothschild, MD
Joel Johnson, MEd

For the Department: Fikirte Wagaw, MPH, First Deputy Commissioner
Chicago Department of Public Health

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Janet Lin, M.D. President.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The Board voted and approved the May minutes. Rosa Martinez Colon abstained from voting.

III. Commissioner's Update

First Deputy Commissioner Wagaw provided the following department wide COVID and non-COVID updates:

- **Lease Update**
 - The City Council approved a one-year lease extension for the CDPH Washington location.
- **Damen Update**
 - The Damen building will be CDPH's primary location for the Democratic National Convention in July and August.
 - The July and August Board of Health meetings will take place at 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602.
- **Democratic National Convention Update**
 - Overview of the department's operations and support of the DNC.

IV. Departmental Updates:

a. Financial Updates

- Overview of the CDPH Request for Proposal process.

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b. Legislative Updates

- Overview of State-specific Public Health legislation.

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Comment advocating for educational support for underserved and under-resourced community organizations engaging in CDPH’s RFP process.
- Comment on the implementation of a scale to equitably measure an organization’s eligibility criteria for RFPs.
- Comment advocating for technical assistance and RFP training.
- Comment on examples of successful RFP applicants and current measures that monitor application outcomes.
- Comment on the department’s policies and intentions to uplift the RFP objectives to community organizations suited for the work and ensure equitable results.
- Comment advocating for a RFP preassessment.
- Question pertaining to a multilingual RFP application and considerations in the application process.
- Comment advocating for a CDPH advocate in upcoming state advisory committee.
- Question regarding fentanyl test strip funding.
- Question regarding the City’s coordination with Milwaukee in Republican National Convention preparation.

V. Board President’s Comments:

No comments from the Board President, Dr. Lin.

VI. Presentations:

Department: Chicago Department of Public Health

Title: CDPH Reaccreditation Overview

Speaker: Fikirte Wagaw, First Deputy Commissioner

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Question regarding Board access to CDPH’s accreditation results.

VII. Public Comments

There was one public comment from Joy Bunton.

Advocates for adequate public access to heat relief resources during national holidays.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am by Dr. Janet Lin.