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**BOARD OF HEALTH SPECIAL MEETING**

**November 12, 2020**

**5:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Board of Health was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to interview applicants for the open position of Health Commissioner.

**Board Members Present:**

Terry Bell  
Chief Clark J. Crago  
Patrick Macedonia, M.D.  
Jean-Philippe Rigaud

**Staff:**

Kelly Wilson, Fiscal, Grants & PI Officer  
Jodi Norris, Director of Fiscal and Admin.  
Tamika Jones, Accreditation Coordinator  
Marc Maragos, Director, Environmental  
Hannah Piko, Director of Nursing

**Absent:**

**Prosecutor:**

**Guests:**

See sign-in sheet

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Bell asked everyone stand to please observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Dr. Petrola. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Royal Mayo spoke about what has been transpiring at the Health Department. He recalled what the Board had decided at a prior meeting about not performing enforcement. He said that the fact that there is no enforcement could have cost him his life. He contracted Covid-19. He was in attendance at the October 20, 2020 Board of Health Meeting and believes he may have had it then. He believes he contracted it at the Democratic Party headquarters. He believes people who had attended the Gun Bash (had about one thousand people in attendance and none of them had masks on) brought it into the office. Ten people in their office became sick. A couple of them were very close to death. He could have given it to his son, or anyone in his circle. Now that Jefferson County is red, things are getting worse. Masks are extremely



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important. Education is fine, but he goes in to several restaurants around town and no one is wearing a mask. Nothing is being done. The mask isn't for you, it's for everyone around you. Mrs. Balakos was doing an excellent job. Covid-19 was under control and now we have no one in charge. It's getting worse. Everyone here said that she was doing an excellent job so he doesn't understand why the Board doesn't just tweak whatever was wrong and bring her back to work so we can get this under control. It doesn't make any sense to him. He knows people that have died. No one is at the top to help our county get beyond this. He mentioned that the health department did bring him groceries and some cleaning products for the time he was quarantined. The health department's primary concern should be the health of the citizens of Jefferson County. We had someone doing an excellent job and the Board got rid of her and now we are in terrible shape. He says the Board needs to sit down and figure this out and see what we can do to get her back.

Mr. Nick Balakos spoke about the importance of masks. He asked Mr. Bell to please enforce the masks. He asked the board to enforce what they are supposed to.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Enter Executive Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion-2020-149	Mr. Rigaud moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Health Commissioner position. The following staff members were requested to be present: Jodi Norris, Kelly Wilson, Tamika Jones, Marc Maragos and Hannah Piko.  The applicants being interviewed today include:  1. Mr. Andrew Henry 2. Mr. Roger Davis Jr. 3. Alpa Patel, DPM  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rigaud 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Macedonia Bell - Aye Crago - Aye Macedonia - Aye Rigaud - Aye

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Exit Executive Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion-2020-150	At 9:07 p.m., Mr. Rigaud moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rigaud 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Macedonia Bell - Aye Crago - Aye Macedonia - Aye Rigaud - Aye



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No action was taken in Executive Session.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to continue hiring process for Health Commissioner</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-151	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Rigaud seconded a motion to continue the hiring process for the Health Commissioner.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rigaud Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia - Aye Rigaud – Aye

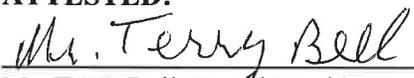
A motion to adjourn was made at 9:09 p.m.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Adjourn</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-152	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Rigaud seconded a motion to adjourn.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rigaud Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia - Aye Rigaud – Aye

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. in the Trumbull Towers Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Mr. Terry Bell, Board President

  
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Kelly Wilson, Fiscal, Grants & PI Officer