

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 25, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER; OPENING STATEMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by Ms. O'Leary.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commission members Dr. Barbara Girz, Dr. Stephen Leviss, MJ O'Leary, Dr. Katherine Roberts, Dr. Behnam Salari, Deb Shertzer, and Mark Toppel were in attendance, as well as Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick, Board of Health Secretary Cara Fox and Council Liaison Chris Richter.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

With consent of the Commission, Ms. O'Leary, opened the meeting for public comment. There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Commission.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

Ms. Fox called for nominations for Chairperson. Motion by Dr. Leviss, second by Dr. Girz nominating Ms. O'Leary as Chairperson. With no other nominations, Ms. Fox closed the nominations. The Commission unanimously elected MJ O'Leary to the office of Chairperson with all members in favor signifying by "aye".

Chairperson O'Leary called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Mr. Toppel, second by Ms. O'Leary, nominating Ms. Shertzer as Vice-Chairperson. With no other nominations, Ms. O'Leary closed the nominations. The Commission unanimously elected Ms. Shertzer to the office of Vice-Chairperson with all members in favor signifying by "aye".

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, second by Dr. Leviss, to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from December 7, 2021.

**6. BOROUGH UPDATE**

Ms. Fox advised that January is pet licensing month, and all dogs and cats must be licensed by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**7. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed his reports from December 2021.

**8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

The commission discussed goals for 2022 and agreed that they would continue to focus on the Stigma-Free Initiative as a goal with a concentration on wellness through outdoor activity. The commission decided that a sub committee consisting of Ms. O'Leary, Dr. Roberts, Mr. Toppel and Ms. Shertzer would finalize the 2022 project.

The commission discussed and decided to have student members on the Health Commission like other Borough committees. The commission will update the student membership application by the May Health Commission meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. O'Leary second by Dr. Girz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

  
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Cara Fox  
Board of Health Secretary