

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj, Chairman, Kim Netter

Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Health, Lauren Olsen, Chief Environmental Officer, Maureen Foley,

In attendance: Hong Duan, Dan Anderson, Dina Lloyd, Charlie Breitros, Darshan Sappel, Zd Shi, Joan Gumbleton, Zigan Chen

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Amirtharaj called the meeting to order 7:33 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for August 20, 2025, October 22, 2025 and November 19, 2025 are all tabled to December meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Permit applications for:
Foghorn Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue 501

Darshan Sappel, Director of Biology gave a presentation about the lab's activities and safety precautions. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if Foghorn will be using virus to perform experiments.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve permit.

(Amirtharaj, Netter) (2,0)

Roll Call

FTGEN – 155 Arlington Street

Hong Duan, Biosafety Officer gave a presentation about the lab's activities and safety precautions. Zd Shi from FTGEN, stated all animal and viruses are commercially purchased.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve permit.

(Amirtharaj, Netter) (2,0)

Roll Call

Hearing on Body Work Establishments:

Sunflower Spa – 32 Mount Auburn Street

Ms. Myers gave a presentation based on evidence found during an inspection with police, code enforcement, zoning, building, Massachusetts licensure and FBI victims unit. Massachusetts licensure charged the establishment with a \$1000.00 fine for non-permitted therapists working at the facility. Ms. Myers and Ms. Olsen stated there was evidence of sexual activity and there was confirmation the therapists lived in the establishment.

Ms. Myers presented a power point with the pictures the Health Department took during the inspection on November 12, 2025

1. Present in each massage room was mouth wash, baby wipes, used condoms, towels, plastic wrap.
2. Multiple beds in living quarters with personal items and toiletries in the rooms and shower area. The therapists admitted to living in the establishment.
3. There was an abundance of food products in the same area.

Both Dr. Amirtharaj and Ms. Netter had no questions or comments.

Zigan Chen, owner of Sunflower Spa disputed the allegations. The space Health Department determined as living space, Mr. Chen stated it is a break room for the therapists. Mr. Chen stated he plans to throw out those mattresses. The therapists have their own rentals and apartments, they do not live at Sunflower Spa. Mr. Chen stated the personal items are for daily use. He stated he has no idea where the condom came from. Mr. Chen stated the establishment is cleaned every morning for half hour and in the evening for one hour. He stated the massage room is cleaned for 15 minutes after each massage.

Ms. Olsen stated all three therapists stated they live in the facility.

Hearing Closed

Health Hall – 2 Bigelow Avenue

Ms. Myers gave a presentation based on evidence found during an inspection with police, code enforcement, zoning, building, Massachusetts licensure and FBI victims unit. Ms. Myers presented a power point with the pictures the Health Department took during the inspection on November 12, 2025.

1. Present in the basement was mouth wash, personal lubricant, plastic wrap. There was a box of male catheters. Condoms were hidden behind sheet rock, in bags.
2. Multiple beds in living quarters with personal items and toiletries in the rooms and shower area.
3. There was an abundance of food products and cooking items and appliances in the same area.
4. Present in each massage room was mouth wash.

Both Dr. Amirtharaj and Ms. Netter had no questions or comments.

Closed Hearing

Vote on determination of Bodywork establishments

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to revoke the permits of both Sunflower Spa and Health Hall for sexual and zoning violations.

(Amirtharaj, Netter) (2,0)

Roll Call

Ms. Myers stated per state law, these businesses can go to court to appeal these decisions.

Staffing and Department Updates

1. Bodyworks, there were six unannounced inspections. The other 4 have building and procedural issues. Dr. Amirtharaj asked about the FBI personnel. They were Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Netter asked if there will be additional hearings for Bodyworks.
2. Health has a new Health Officer, Jacob Preble.
3. Vaccine clinics are done for the season. Public Health nurse delivered over 200 doses.
4. Shuang and Asma attended the Senior Health Fair.
5. Shuang has one more CPR class for 2025 and it is full.
6. Shuang is taking Biosafety Training to inspect labs.

Shout out to Lauren and Shuang for their dedication.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for December 17, 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:39 PM