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CRAIG LONGO, M.D.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
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***APPROVED MINUTES***

A public meeting of the Board of Health was held on January 22, 2015 in the Health Department conference room, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson  
Athena Xifaras, M.D., Member  
Craig Longo, M.D., Member

Also Present: Brenda Weis, Director of Public Health (Absent)  
Sandra Manning, Assistant Director of Public Health  
Mary Freire Kellogg, Project Coordinator

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**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Dr. Andrade called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Dr. Andrade called roll with herself and Dr. Craig Longo, Dr. Xifaras. Dr. Andrade called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 2014.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Xifaras to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 2014. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**ACTION**

2. 29 Union St., Request for Hearing Re: Applying for License Body Art Establishment and Body Art Tattoo & Piercing Practitioner License; New Bedford Tattoo Company; Valerie Marks applicant and owner, 67 Orleans St., New Bedford, MA; Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian, present.

Mary Freire Kellogg appeared before the Board and briefed them on the location of the tattoo parlor. Valerie Marks appeared before the Board to discuss the plans. The Board inquired as to the exact location and in what building. The Board also inquired about the areas in the establishment whether or not they would be privatized. Ms. Marks assured the Board there would be partitions if requested or she would schedule the work to be done at her other establishment. This establishment has 2 sinks available.

No issues were found by the Board. The Board did question Ms. Marks on the licenses location for both establishments whether they would have their own locations. It was agreed the establishments would have two separate locations. The second location will incur an additional \$50.00 fee.

Ms. Marks explained to the members of the Board the future plans on guest artists appearing allowing them the opportunity to apply for a temporary license. The Board discussed with Valerie the temporary license would have to be for time specified.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant a practitioner's license Body Art Establishment for no more than 14 days creating a temporary license maximum of 14 days. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to establish fee schedule for temporary practitioners' body art license as follows: 1-5 days - \$50.00 with additional days of 6-10 - \$25.00, 11-14 - \$25.00. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

### **DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING**

Sandy Manning discussed with the Board members the resignation of the Public Health Nurse and assured the Board that the Director is searching for a replacement.

Board questioned if the department was still involved in Tobacco Control. They were assured that the Department is still implementing as well as performing compliance checks.

### **DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES**

Mary Freire Kellogg discussed with the Board members the possibility of the department implementing with the landlords a schedule to conduct inspections of vacant apartments prior to renting. This was explained to the members of the voucher inspections we conduct.

The Board approved this request as long as there is a sign posted at the apartment stating this has taken place. Dr. Andrade expressed this could be positive for the city as well as assisting landlords.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be determined once Board members' schedules are checked and as requests appear.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Andrade to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Dr. Andrade adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



A true record attest:

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Director of Public Health

**BOH Meeting Minutes Approved 6 / 4 / 15**