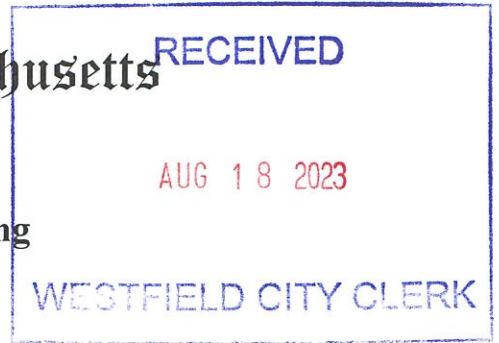


City of Westfield, Massachusetts
Health Department

Board of Health Special Meeting
Room 315
June 22, 2023



Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Stanley Strzempko, M.D. Carrie Hildreth-Fiordalice
Anne Larkham, Personnel Director

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. She stated that the purpose of this meeting was to enter into Executive Session to address issues regarding Joseph Rouse, Director of Public Health for the City of Westfield and that, after this meeting, the Board would not return to open session.

A motion was made by Dr. Strzempko to enter into Executive Session. Roll call vote was as follows:

Carnes	–	Yes
Strzempko	–	Yes
Hildreth-Fiordalice	–	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

Ms. Carnes stated that this executive session is being conducted pursuant to the litigation strategy exemption to the open meeting law. In this instance, this meeting is being conducted under purpose 1 to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

A motion was made by Dr. Strzempko to place Joseph Rouse on paid administrative leave and authorize the Chair to draft a letter placing him on administrative leave. Roll call vote was as follows:

Carnes	–	Yes
Strzempko	–	Yes
Hildreth-Fiordalice	–	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

Director Larkham stated the allegations and complaints against Mr. Rouse. She stated that she will be outsourcing and authorizing the investigations and will report back to the Board with their findings.

A motion was made by Dr. Strzempko to authorize Personnel Director Anne Larkham to begin an investigation. Roll call vote was as follows:

Carnes	–	Yes
Strzempko	–	Yes
Hildreth-Fiordalice	–	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

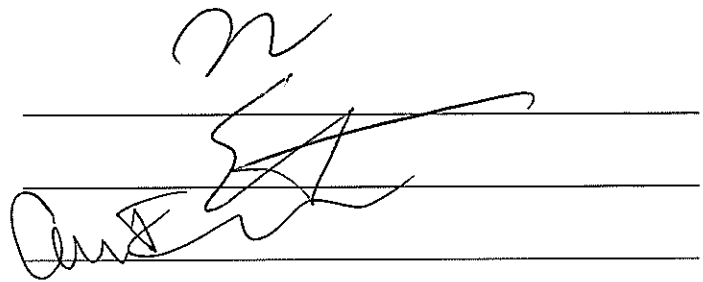
A motion was made by Dr. Strzempko to adjourn out of executive session and not return to open session. Roll call vote was as follows:

Carnes	-	Yes
Strzempko	-	Yes
Hildreth-Fiordalice	-	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

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