

Chicago Board of Health Meeting  
June 17, 2020

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**Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.  
Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President  
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.  
Joseph B. Starshak  
Steven K. Rothschild, M.D.  
Horace E. Smith, M.D.  
Juan M. Calderon  
Victor M. Gonzalez

Board Members Absent

Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.

For the Department

Allison Arwady, M.D., Commissioner

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Board President, Dr. Carolyn Lopez.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the February, March, April and May 2020 meetings were approved by the Board. Member Gonzalez abstained from voting on the minutes of the May 2020 meeting as he was not in attendance.

**Commissioner's Update:** Dr. Arwady presented Board members with a detailed data report on the Novel Coronavirus and provided an update on the status of COVID-19 in Chicago. Board members asked Dr. Arwady a series of questions on COVID-19. Dr. Arwady informed Board members that a re-launch of Healthy Chicago 2025, with an additional focus on COVID, will be announced soon. Dr. Arwady provided an update to Board members on the City of Chicago's contact tracing. Dr. Arwady spoke about the City's transition to Phase Four and emphasized to Board members that COVID was not over.

**Comments by the Board President:** Dr. Lopez complimented the CDPH team for their effort on COVID. Dr. Lopez referenced the possibility for the Board to meet in person in the future, following the proper social distancing guidelines, and by identifying a larger meeting venue. Dr. Lopez commented on how to encourage more people to wear face coverings to help avoid the spread of COVID.

**Public Comments:** Comments were received about the technology platform used by the Board for virtual meetings and requesting expanding accessibility options for the public to participate. Comments were received indicating the Board should consider changing the date of meetings so as to not conflict with meetings of the Chicago City Council.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.