

**Board of Health
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Hybrid Meeting / Penn Room**

Members Attending: J. Schwartz, B. Hospidor, J. Dethoff, J. Henning - virtually

Others Attending: S. Smith, R. Placido – in person; M. Sninsky, J. Melendez, Z. Cordova - virtually

Dr. Dethoff called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. He stated that a quorum is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Hospidor, seconded by Dr. Schwartz, to approve the February 3, 2026 meeting summary as written. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- Health Inspections

No report.

- Lead Abatement Program

Mr. Melendez reported that 71 units have been addressed by the federal grant. He stated that this program will end in May 2026 because it has not been approved for additional funding. He stated that the ARPA funding must be used by December 2026.

Mr. Melendez stated that his work is currently focused on updating the City's lead regulations and noted his hope that rental properties will be tested for lead before a rental permit is issued. He noted the need for additional protections for tenants and stated that he is working with Lead Free Promise of PA and is meeting with other municipal program managers about their lead-based ordinances. He stated that he will also seek assistance from Property Maintenance and Community Development.

Ms. Schorn questioned Mr. Melendez's future employment. Mr. Melendez stated that he is unsure at this time but stated that he is also working with the Healthy Homes program and that grant does not expire until 2027.

Dr. Wang thanked Mr. Melendez for his great work. She expressed the belief that new lead regulations would be great for the City.

Mr. Melendez stated that Lancaster County received funding from a local hospital for their program and he is hoping that will also happen for Reading.

- EMS

Dr. Wang reviewed the EMS report received via email. She congratulated Chief Stoudt on his retirement.

Chief Stoudt thanked the Board for their work and stated that his retirement date is Friday, February 13.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Wang stated that there are County concerns regarding ICE but that she does not believe any action is imminent.

Ms. Schorn questioned if measles is present in Reading. Dr. Wang stated that there is a significant outbreak in South Carolina and stated that childhood deaths from flu in the US are rising. She stated that in both cases, the administration of the vaccine would assist. She stated that measles is not present in this region yet.

Mr. Hospidor noted that there is an outbreak of chicken pox in Philadelphia.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 4 pm hybridly via Zoom and in the Penn Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Smith, CMC
Deputy City Clerk