



**Fulton County Board Of Health (BOH)  
Emergency Board Meeting Regarding COVID-19  
Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
12:15 P.M.**

**Via ZOOM Teleconference: +1 646 558 8656 US; Meeting ID: 632 706 3954**

**Board Members Present**

Chairman, Jack Hardin  
Vice Chairman, Renay Blumenthal  
Secretary, Lynne Meadows  
Dr. Kathi Earles  
Councilwoman, Carla Smith  
Clint Owens  
Fulton BOC Chairman, Robb Pitts

**Board Member Absent**

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The emergency Fulton County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 12:16p.m. by BOH Chairman Jack Hardin. BOH Chairman Jack Hardin opened the meeting by confirming the attendance of all board members via roll call. Once a quorum was present on the call, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the emergency meeting via teleconference, and unanimously affirmed the meeting occurring without standard notice due to the emergency nature of the meeting.

**II. REQUEST TO UPDATE AGENDA VIA NEW AGENDA ITEM ORDER**

BOH Chairman Jack Hardin requested that the COVID-19 Discussion and Updates be moved to the beginning of the agenda prior to the Resolution and Declaration considered. BOH Chairman Jack Hardin entertained the motion and each member approved.

All Members in Favor: Hardin, Blumenthal, Meadows, Earles, Smith, Owens, Pitts  
All Members Against: None.  
Abstentions: None

**III. COVID-19 Discussion And Updates**

The District Health Director, S. Elizabeth Ford, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts in Fulton County. She expressed concerns of how various



municipalities of Fulton County are providing conflicting information and recommended consistent guidelines for Fulton and surrounding counties.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. **The Resolution of The Fulton County Board of Health to Declare and Ratify Public Declarations of a local public health emergency in Fulton County due to the threat and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic**

Board Members were provided with a proposed Resolution ahead of the meeting, and attorney Jennifer Culler, notified the Board that certain proposed amendments to that Resolution were sent to their email just before the meeting to ensure the resolution's county wide application. Interim District Health Director, S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D., M.B.A described the need for a resolution and declaration of public health emergency in Fulton County due to COVID-19 in more detail. BOH Chairman Jack Hardin entertained a motion and Councilwoman Carla Smith seconded.

All Members in Favor: Hardin, Blumenthal, Meadows, Earles, Smith, Owens, Pitts  
All Members Against: None.  
Abstentions: None

##### B. **Declaration and Ratification of Public Health Emergency within Fulton County due to the threat and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic**

Attorney Jennifer Culler, explained the updated resolution and proposed declaration in terms of county regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that the Board has the authority to make regulations, and it can also direct the District Health Director to assume some of the authority of the Department of Public Health under Title 31, when clusters of individuals have diseases threatening public health.

By this approval, the Board of Health ordered all dine-in restaurants to close, provided that they are allowed to serve food through drive-thru, carry out, and curb side service as long as they are able to ensure that fewer than ten (10) people are in the location at any time, and those people are able to maintain a safe six foot (6') social distance. Furthermore, the Board of Health ordered that all businesses county-wide must comply with these same requirements in their operations. For essential businesses and activities, which the Board authorized the Director to define in consultation with the Board Chair in the Addendum to the Declaration, these requirements must be met to the extent feasible. Further, the Board authorized the adoption and ratification of any purchasing or procurement modifications that Fulton County may make in order to address emergency needs for materials and services. BOH Chairman Jack Hardin entertained the motion and Councilwoman Carla Smith seconded.

All Members in Favor: Hardin, Blumenthal, Meadows, Earles, Smith, Owens, Pitts



All Members Against: None.  
Abstentions: None


**V. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chairman Jack Hardin and seconded by Council Member Carla Smith.

All Members in Favor: Earles, Hardin, Meadows, Smith, Blumenthal, Owens.  
All Members Against: None.  
Abstentions: None

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jack Hardin at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D., M.B.A.  
Fulton County Interim District Health Director

  
Jack Hardin  
Fulton County Board of Health Chair

