

## **Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County November 21, 2024, Special Called Meeting Notes**

The special called meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 8:32 a.m. in the Centennial Rooms, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville TN 37209.

### **Present**

Tené H. Franklin, MS, Chair  
Marie Griffin, MD, Vice-Chair  
Carol Ziegler, APRN, Member  
Lloyda Williamson, MD, Member  
Morgan McDonald, MD, Member  
Shannon Hall, Director, Metro Human Resources  
Lisa Mason, Training and Talent Acquisition Manager, Metro Human Resources  
Derrick Smith, JD, Metropolitan Department of Law

### **Public Comment Period**

There were two requests to comment. Chair Franklin invited Councilmember (District 12) and Chair of the Metro Council Public Health and Safety Committee Erin Evans to introduce herself. CM Evans thanked the Metro Nashville Network for recording the interviews. CM Evans thanked the board for their work in selecting the best candidate for the position. After the second interview, Chair Franklin invited Councilmember Joy Styles (District 32) to introduce herself. CM Styles addressed the board and voiced her concern that she would like for the next director to not overlook Metro Animal Care and Control.

### **Interview Process**

Ms. Mason stated that she would introduce the applicants, the applicant would give their presentation, and then the board would interview them using the questions that were given to them with assigned questions.

### **Candidate Interview**

The Board interviewed Brian Castrucci, DrPH, MA.

### **Candidate Interview**

The Board interviewed Danette York, MPH, CPH.

### **Candidate Interview**

The Board interviewed Sanmi Areola, PhD.

### **Candidate Interview**

The Board interviewed Amy Yeager, MPH.

### **Deliberation Regarding Director of Health Position and Candidates**

Dr. McDonald stated that she would be recusing herself from voting on the candidates as she was not present for all interviews.

The Board discussed all candidates in depth and Ms. Hall asked the board to vote and submit their ballot. Ms. Hall calculated the votes and shared with the board.

After discussion, **Dr. Ziegler made a motion to approve that Sanmi Areola be the preferred candidate of choice. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve that Danette York be the runner-up. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion. The motion did not carry.**

**Dr. Ziegler made a motion to approve that Amy Yeager be the runner-up. Dr. Williamson seconded the vote. Motion was passed with Chair Franklin, Dr. Williamson, and Dr. Ziegler voting in favor, and Dr. Griffin voting against.**

**Dr. Griffin made a motion that Metro Human Resources and Chair Franklin work together to offer the position to Sanmi Areola, and if he doesn't accept, to offer the position to Amy Yeager. Dr. Ziegler seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

**Adjourn**

**Dr. Williamson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tené H. Franklin  
Chair