



Independence Advisory Board of Health Minutes

April 2, 2026 6:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Teams
at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28755345116505?p=dqAv00PkLm39vCl87o>

WELCOME

Dr. Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Genesis Rivera, Jason White, Dr. Terry Morris, Dr. Larry Legler, Dr. David Suchman, and Lori Halsey.

Staff present were Christina Heinen and Lauren Campbell.

Council present were CM Dr. McCandless and Mayor Rowland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Suchman to approve both February and March minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Legler. Approved by all present at 6:01 pm.

SELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion made by Jason to make Dr. Morris the Chair; second by Dr. Legler. Motion approved by all at 6:03 pm.

KRATOM RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Morris shared that the Missouri Attorney General had filed a lawsuit against American Shaman for selling Kratom items. Dr. Legler discussed the positive aspects of the ordinance and that other places have just banned the substance totally. Jason shared that he would support the ordinance to regulate but would also consider a total ban. Group discussed issues with enforcement of the ordinance and asked if research could be done on how it is done in other states.

Motion made by Jason to endorse the resolution as presented but include concerns regarding enforcement and possible legislative complications with State law. This was seconded by Dr.

Suchman.

Dr. Legler made a motion to endorse adding an amendment to the ordinance to require all kratom products be kept behind the counter. This was seconded by Dr. Suchman.

First motion passed as written at 6:24 pm. Second motion (amendment) passed at 6:25 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Legler; seconded by Lori. Adjourned at 6:27 pm.