

Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings

August 26, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury called to order the City of Canton Public Nuisance Hearings, conducted by the Canton City Board of Health, on Wednesday, August 26, 2025, at 4:31 PM. The hearings were held in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Canton City Public Health, located at 420 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio, with Ms. Kingsbury presiding.

Roll Call:

Members Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury; Mrs. Cleo Lucas; Mr. Patrick Wyatt; Mr. Steve
Present: Ritschard;

Dr. James Johns was not present for the initial roll call, but arrived to the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Members None

Absent:

Members

Excused:

Staff Present: Health Commissioner Amanda Archer, Gus Dria, and Sean Green

Others Present:

Agenda Corrections and Approval

1. Motion to approve agenda.

Mrs. Lucas moved, and Dr. Johns seconded a motion to approve the August 26, 2025 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Kingsbury – Yes Mrs. Lucas – Yes Mr. Wyatt – Yes

Mr. Ritschard - Yes

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting agenda was approved.

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2. Public health nuisance hearings.

Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to provide his testimony. Mr. Dria presented both verbal testimony and photographic evidence to exhibit the substandard environmental conditions at several

properties within the city of Canton. All present property owners were also sworn in to provide testimony.

Mr. Dria also provided testimony on animal owners who failed to report vaccination records for an animal involved in a bite. No animal owners were present to provide testimony.

Next meeting date.

3. Next meeting date – Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 4:30 PM

The next City of Canton public nuisance hearings, presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health, are scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment.

Mr. Wyatt moved, and Mr. Ritschard seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

APPROVED:

September 30, 2025
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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 201 – 15th St SE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:31 PM. The property owner, Tomas Lopez Ajualin, was present. Mr. Lopez Ajualin and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, renovation waste, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Lopez Ajualin testified that he recently purchased the house at auction and was unaware of the property's poor conditions, which he stated were caused by the previous tenant. He explained that he had already filled one 40-yard dumpster in an effort to clean the property and intended to obtain another dumpster to complete the cleanup. He requested additional time to abate the nuisance since he inherited the issues and was working to correct them.

The Board of Health granted Mr. Lopez Ajualin's request for an extension, and ordered the property to be abated by September 24, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:50 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1615 St. Elmo Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:50 PM. The property owners, Jack and Penny McKeown, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 3, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:51 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 1543 Wayne Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:51 PM. The property owner, Sethdon Drexler, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of landscape waste, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 3, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:51 PM.



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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 724 Alan Page Dr. SE, Apt 4, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:52 PM. The property tenant, Anna Pinkston, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. poor cleanliness, hoarding-type conditions with the accumulation of rodent droppings, rotting food, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris; rodent and insect [flies and roaches] infestations; foul and noxious odors; and general unsanitary conditions). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 3, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:53 PM.



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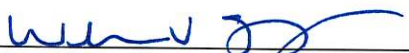
Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1310 – 14th St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:53 PM. The property owner, Ida Rose Goins, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 3, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:54 PM.



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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 126 Claremont Ave NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:54 PM. The property owners, Austin and Brittany Montgomery, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 3, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:56 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for animal owner, Tatiana Mayforth, 1344 Crescent Rd SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:56 PM.

The owner was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that the owner of the animal failed to comply with vaccination reporting requirements for an animal involved in a bite.

The Board of Health ordered the vaccination records to be submitted by September 3, 2025, and authorized the filing of criminal charges against the animal owner if the records are not submitted by the provided deadline.

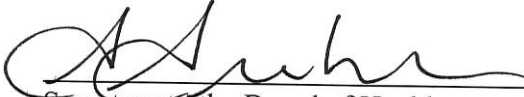
There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:57 PM.



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