

Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings

Tuesday, October 28, 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 Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 4:30 PM. The hearings were held in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Canton City Public Health, located at 420 Market Avenue N., Canton, Ohio, with Ms. Kingsbury presiding.

Roll Call:

Members Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury; Mrs. Cleo Lucas; Mr. Steve Ritschard

Present:

Mr. Patrick Wyatt was not present for the initial roll call, but arrived to the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Members None

Absent:

Members Dr. James Johns

Excused:

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

Others Present: Carrie D'Andrea (Law Department)

Agenda Corrections and Approval

1. Motion to approve agenda.

Mrs. Lucas moved, and Mr. Ritschard seconded a motion to approve the October 28, 2025 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Kingsbury – Yes Mrs. Lucas – 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.

Next meeting date.

3. Next meeting date – Tuesday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment.

Mr. Wyatt moved, and Mrs. Lucas seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.

APPROVED:

November 18, 2025
Date of Approval



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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2018 Willowrow Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:32 PM. The property tenant, Bruce Lupfer, was present. Mr. Lupfer 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 landscape waste, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). He acknowledged that Mr. Lupfer was making significant progress in cleaning the property, but requested that the remaining conditions be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Lupfer testified that monetary limitations made it difficult to fully clean the property as quickly as he intended, as he was unable to rent a dumpster and had to rely on the City's weekly trash service for disposal. He stated that the backyard was completely cleaned, with only some overgrowth remaining to be cut down. He requested that the Board of Health grant him an extension until November 12, 2025, to fully abate the remaining violations.

The Board of Health granted Mr. Lupfer's request for an extension and ordered the property to be abated by November 12, 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 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 4:36 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1532 Glendale Pl NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:37 PM. The property owner, Thomas McGuire, was not present. 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 furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). He requested that the property conditions be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by November 5, 2025. Canton City Public Health is authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of 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 4:38 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1206 Lippert Rd NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury at 4:38 PM. A representative of the property owner, Lippert Road Apartments, 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 a tire, renovation waste, furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). He requested that the property conditions be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by November 5, 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 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 4:41 PM.

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