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Lead Safe Advisory Board

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Summary

- Two board members are seeking reappointment.
- Another is leaving the board, creating a vacancy.

Follow-Up Questions

- Does this board also talk about the effects lead has in faucet water?
- How clean is the water in Cleveland?
- How many times does this board meet in person or remotely? *[Editor's note: The board meets quarterly.]*

Notes

From [Documenters.org](#): The Lead Safe Advisory Board was created as part of the Lead Safe ordinance ([Ordinance 747-2019](#)) passed by the Cleveland City Council in July of 2019.

The board met at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, via WebEx.

The report on 2024's first quarter (January through March, or Q1) from Board Member Rob Fischer, the lead safe auditor:

https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24745405-report-to-lead-safe-advisory-board_q1_2024_draft

Recording of meeting:

<https://cityclevelandoh.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/cityclevelandoh/recording/294f588b421a4ef5b9dc411769050cb9/playback>.

Lead Safe Advisory Board [duties](#):

- Provide recommendations for improvements to the city's lead safe policies and procedures.
- Report quarterly on the progress and status of the certification efforts.
- Complete an impact analysis of the lead-safe certification program.

Board members roll call:

- Wyonette Cheairs, Enterprise Community Partners & Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition
- Fischer, Case Western Reserve University
- Scott Kroehle, landlord
- Sonia Monroy Matis, Alliance for Safety and Justice – absent
- Rebecca Maurer, Cleveland City Council, Ward 12
- Diana Shulsky, Howard Hanna Realtors
- Carol Smith, Metro West Community Development Organization/licensed lead assessor

Meeting started at 1:03 p.m. via WebEx.

Fischer tried presenting his [slides](#) but had difficulty due to some technical issues. The board moved on to other general housekeeping issues.

Maurer spoke briefly about the city's retooling of [the lead-safe certification process](#) and documentation of feedback on it. This meeting is about the current data numbers, but the retooling is ongoing, she said.

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from December and March.

Motion to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes.

Board members Kroehle and Cheairs are seeking reappointment. Maurer said they have to go through the mayoral appointee process, which includes review and confirmation by Cleveland City Council.

There will also be a board seat opening up, as Matis cannot continue as a board member due to other work responsibilities, Maurer said.

Maurer and Emily Collins, from the mayor's office, said there will be an open call for applications for the seventh seat on the board.

Data

Fischer presented lead-safe certification data through March 31. Since 2021, there have been approximately 8,000 applications from property owners for lead-safe certification, representing about 31,000 rental units in Cleveland. That's about 32% of rental units in the city. Documenter Jabril Shabazz [has more on the current data](#).

Public comments

Zak Burkons, lead inspector: There are not enough inspectors. Why are so many dropping out? We need a leadership change.

Todd Knight spoke about compliance issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Single Signal

In a few words, what is **one topic** you are sitting with after this meeting that you think we as a community should look further into or better explain for residents? This is for internal use and won't be included in your published notes.

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