

# **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS**

## **MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: MAY 2025**

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for MAY 2025.

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025.

### **The following committee members were present:**

Chair Rodriguez-Sanchez  
Vice Chair Ramirez  
Ald. Sigcho-Lopez  
Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth  
Ald. Fuentes  
Ald. Lopez  
Ald. Quezada  
Ald. Gutierrez  
Ald. Lawson

### **Rule 59 Participation:**

Ald. Robinson  
Ald. Cruz

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 10:14 am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation under Rule 59.

Ald. Quezada moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 15 public speakers, and 3 written comments that were shared with committee members via email.

Ald. Quezada moved to allow Ald. Cruz to participate remotely under Rule 59, which was approved by voice vote.

Following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held in March 2024. Ald. Ramirez moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of mayoral appointment [A2025-0016670](#) of Dr. Anuj K. Shah to the Chicago Board of Health.

Dr. Anuj Shah provided an introductory statement stating this experience and approach to healthcare.

Ald. Gutierrez moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Anuj Shah, which was approved by voice vote.

The second item on the agenda was a Subject Matter Hearing where the Chicago Department of Public Health provided an overview of its strategic plan and summer strategies.

The following guests, were present to speak on behalf of CDPH:

- Olusimbo Ige, Commissioner
- Kate McMahon, Policy Director
- Miao (Jenny) Hua, Medical Director and Acting Deputy Commissioner - Behavioral Health Bureau
- Maribel Chavez-Torres, Deputy Commissioner - Health Protection Bureau
- Virginia Castaneda, Manager of Food Protection Services
- Janna Kerins, Medical Director - Communicable Disease
- Claudia Blanco, Public Health Administrator III - Vector Control Program

The Chair called for questions and comments from committee members.

With there being no further business before the committee, Ald. Quezada moved a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved, bringing the meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)  
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Human Relations