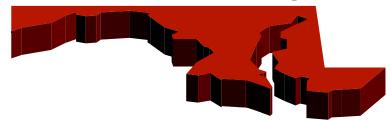
State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



Open Session Agenda JANUARY 9, 2019 BOARD MEETING, CONFERENCE ROOM 106 10:00 AM 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

Call to order - Bert Nixon, Board Chair

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<u>ITEM 1</u>

1(a). Open Session Minutes for review and approval from the October 3, 2018 Board Meeting. (Attachment)
 1(b). Open Session Conference Call Minutes for review and approval from the December 14,

2018 Conference Call. (Attachment)

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

2 (a). Tabled Item from the August 1, 2018 - The Board received an inquiry via e-mail from Steven Krieg, a licensee. Mr. Krieg posed a question to the Board: "Are the plumbing inspector's in Baltimore County specifically allowed by State law to perform inspections of septic systems without being required to be a licensed Environmental Health Specialist?" A draft response letter is attached for review and approval.

(Attachment)

ITEM 3 Board Staff Report:

3(a). 290 licensees have completed their required training for continuing education credits for the license expiration of June 30, 2019 at the time of this agenda preparation.
3(b). On the October 4, 2018 Minutes, page three, Item 8, it has been reflected that local jurisdictions may interview applicants prior to the applicant obtaining the Certificate of Eligibility from the Board. The proposed language was sent to the Board via e-mail and revisions were made to the job specification. All Board members reviewed and agreed but there was an

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oversight that this was never brought back for final vote as mentioned in the October 4, 2017 Minutes. (Attachment)

On a corresponding issue: The Job Specifications for the Environmental Health Specialists Trainee has the language change on page two; however, upon review of the Sanitarian Series, the language is not there. (Attachments)

3(c). Possible change to the NEHA examination process. There was a telephone conference held with NEHA, which is looking to move forward to making the paper examination obsolete. This would mean all exam candidates will need to go to one of the centers that NEHA has under contract to take the examination on a computer. The issue for the candidates is the cost of the examination. The fee will then be \$280.00. A breakdown for the NEHA computer based testing is attached. Updates to follow. (Attachment)

3(d). An e-mail was sent out on November 16, 2018 to recruit for applicants for the At Large Representation Board Member, which will be open June 30, 2019.

3(e). The December 11, 2018 NEHA had exam 14 candidates take the exam. The names are listed below:

- 1. Mengestayhu Akelat
- 8. Meghan Johnson
- 2. Solomon Balcha 9. Kyle Kowalczyk
- 3. Andrea Bean 10. Kristi Marsh
- 4. Evan Aston 11. Terrence Mulvey
- 5. Robert Freemon 12. Wanda Ramirez
- 6. Justin Groff 13. Kacey Revere
- 7. Megline Ogbokew 14. Anthony Robnett

The exam results were received via e-mail, 10 of the 14 candidates passed the exam. The names are listed below:

- 1 Mengestayhu Akelat
- 6. Justin Groff
- 2 Evan Aston 7. Meghan Johnson
- 3 Solomon Balcha4 Andrea Bean
- 8. Kyle Kowalczyk
- 9. Terrence Mulvey
- 5 Robert Freemon 10. Wanda Ramirez

3(f). Stats from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 26
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 574
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 100
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 150

3(g). Future In-Training Certificate Requests.

<u>ITEM 4</u> Credentialing:

4(a). George Dizelos. Mr. Dizelos received a letter of denial of his application for a Certificate of Eligibility from the Board as he did not meet the lab requirement. Mr. Dizelos has two labs in Geographical Information Systems. Mr. Dizelos has asked that the Board review his application. **File has been brought to this meeting.**

4(b). Samantha Peternel. Ms. Peternel and Mr. Resline, her supervisor, are respectfully requesting in writing that the Board allow Ms. Peternel to take the National NEHA exam in March, 2019. Ms. Peternel's in-training period is a 24 month in-training period. The request is to give Ms. Peternel a 12-month in training period. Ms. Peternel's 12 months of in-training was completed on December 20, 2018. (Attachments)

File has been brought to this meeting.

<u>ITEM 5</u>	Legislative/Regulations Committee:	Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Jasen Lau
<u>ITEM 6</u>	Work Force Work Group:	Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie, and Naomi Howell
<u>ITEM 7</u>	Continuing Education Committee:	Bruce Bowman, Amy Parrish and Ann Rose

<u>ITEM 8</u> Status of Work Processed:

Initial Licenses Issued (2)

- 1. Danielle Staggers (took exam direct with NEHA)
- 2. Gregory DeBoe (took exam direct with NEHA)

License Reactivation (2)

- 1. Megan Wilhelm (Reactivated from Non-Renewed Status)
- 2. William Deck (Reactivated from Inactive Status)

In – Training Certificates Issued (13)

- 1. Brittany Carpenter
- 2. Johnny Rossy, III
- 3. Shane Linzey

4. George Fidel

- 6. Amanda Page7. Fonlon Wirba Etienne
- 8. Brian Phipps
 - 9. Philip McIntee
- 5. Joseph Spangler 10. Keith Dolan
- **Extended In-Training Certificates Issued (0)**

<u>Certificates of Eligibility Issued (11)</u>

- 1. Amanda Lo
- 2. William Hopkins
- 8. Kyle Shimek
 9. Joshua Denicoff

7. Yolande Essangui

- 3. Joyce Dinardo
- 4. Kristie Payne
- 5. Adrianna Lucente
- 10. Biplob Bhattacharya 11. Dustin Mathers
- 6. Haley Golden

Extended Certificates of Eligibility (5)

- 1. Catherine Hefferin
- 2. Paola Njandja

- 12. Mailyn Aviles Ramirez
- 13. Biplob Bhattacharya

11. Anthony Pennington

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- 3. Bakhita Nzeribe
- 4. Nohsen Fatemi
- 5. Joseph Goldscher

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (0)

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (1)

1. George Dizelos – Did not meet lab requirement.

The Board may close a portion of the Open Meeting to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Adjourn