



**MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS**  
**4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**October 5, 2022 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Meeting Held via Google Meet**

**Board Members Present:**

**Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member**  
**Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member**  
**Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary Consumer Member (joined 10:07am)**  
**Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member**  
**Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member**  
**Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member**  
**Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member**  
**Lewis Brown, Consumer Member (exited meeting at 12:45pm)**

**Staff:**

**Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**Bert Nixon, Executive Director**  
**Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator (exiting meeting at 11:36am)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair.

**AGENDA** The Agenda was reviewed. Bert had two additions. Under the Executive Director's report adding items 3(g) and 3(h) - contractual position update and new member orientation, respectively. Alan Heck made a Motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Matthew Cumers provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 1** The Open Session Minutes from the August 3, 2022 Meeting were reviewed for approval. Bert Nixon, Alan Heck and Amy Parrish suggested revisions. Amy Parrish made a Motion to adopt the Minutes with revisions. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained  
The Open Session Minutes from the September 7, 2022 Meeting were reviewed for approval. Revisions were proposed by Linda Rudie and Bert Nixon. Amy Parrish made a Motion to adopt the Minutes with revisions. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 2** Board Chair Report  
**2(a).** CE Broker's Continuing Education Platform. Explanation of the Continuing Education Committee's meeting with CE Broker staff on September 23, 2022. A brief explanation of the platform and features that were presented to the committee was provided. Discussion ensued and counsel mentioned procurement processes that would be required. The Board Chair indicated that she would like to see amendments to our CEU accounting software and process to move away from the current Access database and more toward an online process.

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**ITEM 3**

Executive Director's Report

- 3(a).** Update to the proposed Statutes and Regulations. Delegate Pena-Melnyk contacted Lillian Reese about the proposed statutory changes. During the call, the delegate voiced some concerns about some of the bill's language (primarily the inclusion of misfeasance and malfeasance as disciplinary options) but ultimately indicated that she would support the bill. DLS drafting reached out to Lillian Reese and Bert Nixon with respect to the proposed statute changes and some language amendments. "Including, but not limited to" was indicated as unacceptable language. Two options were presented: "Including" or "With an emphasis in". Board counsel presented a third option. Alan Heck made a language revision proposal which would include removal of all text from that section from "Including, but not limited to..." (from the previous draft) through "including:" but leaving "that included:". Alan Heck made a Motion to approve the change in language proposed. Matthew Cumers provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained  
Previously proposed changes in regulations were reviewed and changes were accepted and are waiting for the Secretary to sign off on them.
- 3(b).** In-person meetings. The Executive Director revisited the concept of in-person meetings or hybrid meetings. Two conference rooms in the building are equipped to hold hybrid meetings, however there is no internet connection to the building. Connection should be restored by February. Earliest attempt would be the February Board meeting.
- 3(c).** Virtual Meetings: Discussion about the importance of attendance and announcing when you come and go from virtual meetings.
- 3(d).** Currently there are 79 licensees that have met the CEU requirements for the 2023 renewal cycle.
- 3(e).** Stats from the Licensing Database were provided:
1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
  2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 521
  3. Active In-Training Certificates – 129
  4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 183
  5. Seasonal/Summer Youth Camp In-training Certificates – 33
- 3(f).** Exam Stats:
1. Passing scores since the September 7, 2022 Meeting – 2
  2. Failing Scores since the September 7, 2022 Meeting – 3
- 3(g).** Contractual position- Additional help for Board staff has been sought in the form of a 6-month contractual position to assist with CEUs and scanning. Application sheet approved by MDH and DBM has approved the pin. The Board will be able to move forward with hiring Jim Merrow as a contractor to assist Board staff.
- 3(h).** New member orientation - Kimberly Link sent an email to the Board indicating that a new member orientation will take place November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12pm. The virtual presentation will be recorded.

**ITEM 4**

Legislative/Regulations Committee

All items previously discussed in this meeting.

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**ITEM 5**

Credentialing

**5(a).**

Requests for In-Training period reductions and an extension. 3 requests before the Board.

1. Angela Middleton requested a reduction in the period - Matthew Cumers made a motion to approve. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion Passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained - Bonnie Harbin.
2. Roen Webber requested a reduction in the period - Alan Heck made a motion to approve. Matthew Cumers provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion Passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained- Bonnie Harbin.
3. Jasmine Copeland has requested an extension in the period - Discussion about request being made after expiration of her Certificate In-Training. Amy Parrish made a motion to approve the request for 6 months past her expiration date. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion Passed. 6 in favor, 2 opposed (Matthew Cumers and Bonnie Harbin), 0 abstained. Further discussion to take place in the Administrative Session.

**ITEM 6**

Work Force Work Group

**6(a).**

The Executive Director reported that Roseann Fish had contacted the Board in late August. She transferred to DBM from DLR. Interested in supporting the filling of EHS vacancies across the state. Conversations regarding website updates, training, in-training programs, and the annual salary review. It was brought to light that MDH was the agency that denied the salary review citing funding concerns. Further discussions were had with this individual regarding revisiting the salary review as well as the in-training program through meetings with the Board and MDH.

**ITEM 7**

Continuing Education Committee

Below are the courses approved by the Continuing Education Committee since the September 7, 2022 Board Meeting for the full Board to ratify.

Program Title

CEU hours

1. Local Environmental Health Learning Tool – 1
2. Tools and Trainings: Using GIS to Combat Vectorborne Diseases – 1
3. New Research Insights: Insecticide Resistance in Bed Bugs – 1
4. New Research Insights: Mosquito Surveillance in Southern Nevada – 1
5. New Research Insights: Prevalence of Disease in Raccoons – 1
6. Rodent Population Growth in Bait-Centric Intervention – 1
7. Tools and Trainings: Basics of Pesticide Applicator Licensing – 1
8. Tools and Trainings: Communicating about Bed Bugs to Diverse Audiences – 1
9. Vector and Pest Control: Integrated Mosquito Management – 1
10. Vector and Pest Control: Perspectives on Public Health Law and Mosquito Control – 1
11. Why Integrated Pest Management? Understanding, Designing and Resolving Implementation Challenges! – 1
12. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop – 14.5
13. Zoonoses, Vectors, Pests and Weeds – 4
14. Potable Water – 6
15. Disaster Sanitation – 5

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16. Food Protection – 4
17. Radon Resistant New Construction – 10
18. Wastewater – EPHOC – 4
19. After the Hurricane Potential Hazards and Disaster Recovery – 1
20. Developing a Strategic Plan for Community Health Improvement – .5
21. Public Health 101 – Introduction to Public Health – 1
22. What is Epidemiology in Public Health – 1
23. Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference – Basic of Risk Management Session - 1.5
24. Data and Technology: Kentucky’s COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI): Utilizing GIS Mapping to Promote Equitable Distribution of Resources AEC 2021 – 1
25. Data and Technology: NCEH-Using Informatics to Advance Environmental Health Practice and Innovation AEC 2021 – 1
26. Data and Technology: Remote Vehicle Video Inspections AEC 2021 – 1
27. Data and Technology: Using Technology to Enhance Food Safety Education AEC 2021 – 1
28. Emergency Preparedness and Response: CDC COVID-19 Response: Grand Princess ZEC 2021 – 1
29. Emergency Preparedness and Response: NCEH – Addressing Emergency Preparedness and Response Through Environmental Health-Related Disaster Recovery AEC 2021 – 1
30. Emergency Preparedness and Response: NCEH – 1017 Hurricane Recovery Projects in Puerto Rico AEC 2121 – 1
31. Emergency Preparedness and Response: NCEH – Rebuilding Environmental Health Capacity in the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Post – 1017 Hurricanes AEC 2021 – 1
32. Emergency Preparedness and Response: Tribal Communities and Partners Coming Together to Battle COVID-19 AEC 2021 – 1
33. CASA 350<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting – 2
34. Emerging Topics, Food Safety: Results of FDA’s Foodborne Illness Factor Study for Retail Food Stores AEC 2021 – 1
35. Emerging Topics, Food Safety: Retail Flexible Funding Model – How it will work and what you need to know now AEC 2021 – 1
36. Emerging Topics, Special Populations: Collaborating to Bring COVID-19 Resources to Early Care and Education AEC 2021 – 1
37. Emerging Topics, Special Populations: “Racial Equity” – A Key to Sustainable Environmental Public Health AEC 2021 – 1
38. Emerging Topics, Water Quality: EPA’s Decentralized Wastewater Program Update ZEC 2021 – 1
39. Environmental Justice and Children’s EH: ATSDR’s Community Stress Resource Center AEC 2021 – .5
40. Environmental Justice and Children’s EH: Minnesota Healthy Housing Grants: Impacts, Successes, and Challenges AEC 2021 – .5
41. Food Safety: Insights and Learnings from Applying Big Data and AI Technologies to Regulatory Food Safety Data on a National Scale AEC 2021 – 1
42. Asthma Basics – 1
43. WENV 541, Water Quality Management Course – 20
44. AFDO Inspector Boot Camp Manufacturing Tract – 3.75
45. AFDO Inspector Boot Camp Retail Food Track – 3.75
46. AFDO Inspector Boot Camp Soft Skills – 3.75

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**Training Not Approved**

1. A Commitment to Advertising Health Equity
2. Collecting, Creating and Sharing Ethnic Stories
3. Cultural Awareness: Introduction to Organizational Cultural Competence
4. Cultural Competence & Sensitivity Awareness Training
5. Ethics Training

Alan Heck made a Motion to adopt the courses as approved. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed.  
8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 8      Status of Work Processed**

Initial Licenses Issued since the September 7, 2022 Board meeting. (1)

1. Trevor Maclosky (9-6-22 exam)

Certificate of Eligibility Certificates Issued (15)

1. Jessica Gregory
2. Valeria Ferrerortz
3. Briana McLean
4. Francis Coreas
5. Joanne Heller
6. Tara West
7. Michael Allman
8. Cecil Cooper
9. Glen Hotzinger
10. Amie Huffman
11. Shahid Malik
12. Jordan Armstead
13. Shepsura Page
14. Cheol Lim
15. Rachel Tucker

In-Training Certificate extension Issued (1)

1. Trevor Maclosky

In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

1. Duranne Lloyd
2. Bryant Wallizer
3. Sitota Bard
4. Lillian Pletcher
5. Ari Cacopardo
6. Rebecca Elliott

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Request made by Alan Heck to move inactive status discussions to administrative session as discussion will be about individuals.

Reactivation from Inactive Status (1)

1. Kevin Klug

Reactivation from Non-Renewed Status (1)

1. Brian Dicken

Certificate of Eligibility denial letters issued - 3

All work processed had been reviewed no motion made or vote taken.

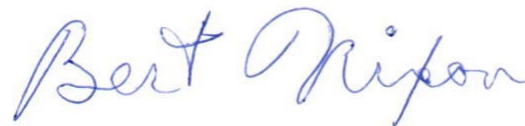
Board chair read the statement to close the open session and open a closed session to review and approve closed session minutes. Alan Heck made a Motion to close the Open Session Meeting. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**Reopening of open session at 1:05pm**

Alan Heck made a Motion to close the closed session. Amy Parrish provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.



Linda Rudie,  
Board Chair



Bert Nixon,  
Executive Director

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