



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

**AUGUST 3, 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 (exited meeting. at 10:18 returned at ?)**  
**Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member**  
**Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member**  
**Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member**  
**Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member**  
**Erin Kelly, Local Government**  
**Lewis Brown, Consumer Member**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff:** **Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**Bert Nixon, Executive Director**  
**Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**

**Visitor's :** **Kimberly Link, Boards and Commissions**  
**Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator**  
**Troy Pumphrey (Joined at 11:04 a.m.)**  
**Cliff Mitchell, Director of Environmental Health, MDH**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA** The Agenda was reviewed. There was an addition to the Executive Director's Report adding 5(f). Alan Heck made a Motion to approved the Agenda. Matthew provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 1** Open Session from the June 1, 2022 Meeting were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck made a Motion to adopt the Minutes with revisions. Matthew Cumers provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 2**  
**2(a).** Board Chair Report  
Introduction to Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member. Linda Rudie and Bert Nixon met with Bonnie prior to her first meeting to introduce themselves and inform her of the mechanisms of the Board.

**2(b).** The Board is still seeking to fill the Private Sector Membership. Amy Parrish has agreed to stay on until the Private Sector membership is filled. Erin Kelly's resignation was acknowledged. Board Members were asked to reach out to Local Government Officials for interested applicants. Applications would be sent tot Kim Link.

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**ITEM 3** Legislative/Regulations Committee  
**3(a).** The 2023 Draft Legislation was presented and reviewed by the Board. Alan Heck made a Motion to approve the Bill Draft. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 4** Workforce Recruitment and Alternative Considerations  
Cliff Mitchell presented at the meeting  
Dr. Cliff Mitchell addressed the Board to discuss two distinct topics. The first topic presented was a possible pathway for an educational collaboration with Morgan State University. This collaboration would potentially be beneficial to the profession of Environmental Health Specialists in that there would potentially be a certificate program that would allow learners to train to be an EHS while acquiring the necessary education to fulfill licensing requirements. The second topic that was discussed and integrated into the conversation about the first topic was a grant application to CDC that Dr. Mitchell is making that seeks to Strengthen the U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems. Dr. Mitchell was seeking the Board's support for the grant application. Naomi Howell made a Motion to support the letter with edits. Alan provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 1 opposed – Matthew Cumers and 0 abstained.

**ITEM 5** Executive Director's Report  
**5(a).** In person Meetings – Discussion took place and virtual meetings will continue. Bert will look into the possibility of hybrid connections in conference rooms  
**5(b).** Bert provided updates on the Docuexplorer training. He is putting together a Scope of Work for the Scanning proposal.  
**5(c).** Currently there are 45 licensees who had met their continuing education requirement for the 2023 license expiration period.  
**5(d).** The continuing education credits for the 2021 license expiration has been completed. There were 12 licensees placed into non-renewed status resulting from not meeting the continuing education requirement.  
**5(e).** Stats from the Licensing Database were provided:  
1. Active Seasonal Certificates - 33  
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 518  
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 122  
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 176  
**5(f).** Exam Stats:  
1. Passing scores since the June 1, 2022 Meeting – 2  
2. Failing Scores since the June 1, 2022 Meeting - 2  
3. All Licensees must complete the Implicit Bias Training prior to the license renewal. Licensees will attest to taking the training on the renewal application. The training is a one-time requirement for licensees. Bert visited the website and looked at the courses and found some had fees and some do not have fees. This training will not be applied to Continuing Education credits for Licensees. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to have renewal application include a check off for the Implicit Bias Training. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

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**ITEM 6**      Credentialing

**6(a).**      Trevor Maclosky and his Supervisor submitted written requests to the Board for a reduction of Trevor’s in-training period. This will be a one time 6-month extension. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to approve the request. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 7**      Work Force Work Group – No Report

**ITEM 8**      Continuing Education Committee

Below are the courses approved by the Continuing Education Committee since the June 1, 2022 Board Meeting for the full Board to ratify.

Program Title	CEU hours
1. Onsite System Inspections - Practices and Procedures (05-25-2022)	7
2. VEHA 2022 Spring Educational Conference	6
3. Interstate Environmental Health Seminar	9
4. MDE Sand Mound Installer Certification - Renewal Course	3.5
5. OSHA 30-hour General Industry Course	30
6. The Private Well Conference	12
7. Sand Mound Installer Certification	6
8. Algal Bloom Action Team Webinar Series - The Future of Harmful Algal Bloom Mitigation	1
9. Pretreatment 101	6
10. Position Specific - Planning Section Chief ER962	25
11. Pool Pre-opening Inspection Training	5
12. Battling with Biofilms	1
13. MARAMA Beginner's Stack Testing Training Workshop	2
14. 2022 MARAMA Compliance and Enforcement Virtual Workshop	varies up to 13.75
15. Managing Common Indoor Pests - Cockroaches, Rodents, and Fleas	3.5
16. Building a Coalition of Food Safety Culture Champions Across your Organization (03-18-2022 webinar)	1
17. Conducting Acidified Food Inspections FD202	20
18. Lead Service Lines	1.5
19. Juice Processing Equipment FD8014W	3
20. Is My Water Safe to Drink? - Common Questions about Private Wells	2
21. MDE At Grade Installer Certification -Renewal Course	3.5
22. Breaking the Barriers to Implementing Risk-Based Inspections in Retail Food Safety, NACCHO & CFP Retail Food Safety Sharing Sessions	1
23. AEC 2021 - Emerging Topics, Food Safety: Results of FDA's Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Study for Retail Food Stores	1
24. Overhaulin' the Food Establishment Plan Review Process	1

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- 25. Sustainable Water Management Conference 22
- 26. Summer 2021 General Module Centralized Intern Training (CIT) 30
- 27. MDE At Grade Installer Certification Course 6
- 28. Integrated Rodent Management in Food Service Commercial Properties: Public Health Approaches 3.75
- 29. 2022 North Carolina Environmental Health Law 15
- 30. MOWPA - Onsite System Inspections - Practices and Procedures (05-25-2022) 7
- 31. Food Safety – Cannabis and Food Safety: The Latest News and Emerging Issues AEC 2019 1
  
- 32. Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 1 – Improving Restaurant Food Safety: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Practices-Based Research AEC 2019 1
- 33. Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 2 – Critical Contributions: Cases Studies on Environmental Health and Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigations 1.5
- 34. Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 3 – Environmental Health Data that Informs Foodborne Illness Outbreak Prevention: CDC’s National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) AEC 2019 1
- 35. Food Safety – Regulatory Testing of Cannabis: A Public Health Perspective AEC 2019 1
- 36. Food Safety – Variation of Consumer and Retail Level Food Product Recalls Across Regions in the United States between 2017 and 2018 .5
- 37. General Environmental Health – How State Level Policy Can Address Emerging Environmental Health Issues 1.5
- 38. General Environmental Health – Per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); Opportunities and Challenges 1
- 39. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Building Capacity in Local Vector Control Programs 1
- 40. NC Radon 1
- 41. NIMS – ICS – Introduction to the National Incident Management & Incident Command System 1.5
- 42. The Implications of Long COVID for Patients & the Health Care System 1.5
- 43. The History of Vaccination: Before Jenner and After Moderna 1.5
- 44. Winter Manure Application and Water Quality 1
- 45. MDH – Incident Command System Prep Course 1
- 46. Radiological Monitoring and Decontamination 6.25
- 47. Surface Water Treatment 7
- 48. Food Safety Culture in the New Era of Smarter Food Safety 1

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- 49. Climate and Health – NEHA calls for Climate to be a National Priority AEC 2019 .5
- 50. Emergency Preparedness – Fentanyl Contamination, Exposure, Detection, Risk and Decontamination AEC 2019 1
- 51. Special Population – An Environmental Crimes Task Force: A Partnership To Solve Environmental Issues AEC 2019 .5
- 52. Water – The Impact of Water Aesthetics and Safety Perceptions on Water Consumption by Appalachian Kentuckians AEC 1019 .5
- 53. Water – Recognition of Potable Reuse from Outside Wastewater Systems AEC 2019 1
- 54. Water – Reducing Dependency upon Private Well and Septic Water Systems Through Building-Scale Potable Reuse AEC 1019 .5
  
- 55. On Alert: Monitoring Wisconsin Carbon Monoxide Poisonings with an Active Alert System 1
- 56. Critical Restaurant Ratings Are Confusing: Benefits of Standardization 1
- 57. Healthy Wells 1
- 58. Bedbugs in Elderly and Disabled, Low-income Housing – Getting Real 1
- 59. Get to the Worst First: Using a Predictive Model to Prioritize Food Safety Inspections 1
- 60. Maryland Asthma Summit 6
- 61. Beach Monitoring Practices and Outreach and a New Tool for Coastal Managers 1
- 62. Supporting OA Action Planning and Implementation Workshop 3.5
- 63. Secondary Treatment – Activated Sludge and Fixed Film Processes 36
- 64. Inspectors Forum 5.5
- 65. Complexities in Predicting Harmful Algal Blooms 1

**TRAINING REQUESTS NOT APPROVED**

- 1. Office Workplace Ergonomics Training – Not relevant to the practice of the EHS.

**ITEM 9** Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued since the June 1, 2022 Board meeting. (3)

- 1. Melissa Queen (5-6-22 exam)
- 2. Tanice Bailey (5-20-22) exam)
- 3. Marissa Mumbulo (6-21-22 exam)

Certificate of Eligibility Certificates Issued (16)

- 1. Luke Chrystal
- 2. Taliyah Warden
- 3. John Barnes

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4. Edward Arellano
5. Sitita Baro
6. Gisell Henriquez
7. Richard Esbrandt
8. Kelsey Granger
9. Benjamin Shoul
10. Eli Reed
11. Reginald Pastoor
12. Ryan Keunzel
13. Kaitlin Geary
14. Daniel Kershner
15. Meghan Paulus
16. Uzma Binte Haidary

**In-Training Certificates Issued (8)**

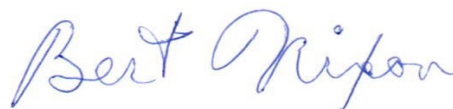
1. Karen Warpinski
2. Elizabeth Bridges
3. Brook Zibell
4. Che Gaskins
5. Becka Rosenberger
6. Vinay Ramsay
7. Henry Ollie
8. Eli Reed

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

Matthew Cumers made a Motion to close the Open Session Meeting. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.



Linda Rudie,  
Board Chair



Bert Nixon,  
Executive Director

**DATE: October 5, 2022**

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