# State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



# Open Session Agenda FEBRUARY 1, 2023 BOARD MEETING, GOOGLE VIRTUAL 10:00 AM

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Call to order – Matthew Cumers, Board Chair

#### Roll Call

### ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### **ITEM 1** Review for approval of Board Meeting Minutes

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the December 7, 2022 Board Meeting for review and approval.

**1(b).** Open Session Minutes from the January 18, 2023 Board Meeting for review and approval.

(Attachments)

### ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

### **Matthew Cumers**

## **ITEM 3** Executive Director Report

### **Bert Nixon**

**3(a).** Financial Disclosure Statements: 2022 Financial Disclosure (Form 2) is due by April 30, 2023. Forms can be submitted at <a href="https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov">https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov</a> The Ethics Commission can be contacted at 410-260-7770 if assistance is needed.

**3(b).** Legislative Sponsor Update. New Update on submitted regulations.

**3(c).** The Moore-Miller Administration is closing all online applications for appointments for all Boards and Commissions until March 1, 2023. The Governor's Office of Appointments will hold applications that have already been submitted. There is no need to re-apply. Currently the Board has the following vacancies:

- Local Government (Vacant) Term 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2024
- Private Industry (Ms. Parrish remains until filled) Term 7/1/22 through 6/30/2026
- Maryland Department of Health (Vacant) Term 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2023

**3(d).** Currently the Board has 167 licensees who have met or exceeded their continuing education credits for the 2023 license renewal cycle.

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**3(e).** Statistics from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 33
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 532
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 121
- 4. Active Certificates of Eligibility 182
- **3(f).** Number of Exam passing scores since the December 7, 2022 Meeting 5
- **3(g).** Number of failing scores since the December 7, 2022 meeting 2

### **ITEM 4** Credentialing

**4(a).** Request for reduction of in-training period.

(Attachment)

# <u>ITEM 5</u> Legislative/Regulations Committee: Matthew Cumers, Amy Parrish and Alan Heck

**5(a).** The Board met on January 18, 2023 to consider amendments to the statutory proposals to include language that would enable apprenticeship regulations to be created. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments.

**5(b).** SB0187 – SWA Submission (Board vote needed)

(Attachments)

# <u>ITEM 6</u> Work Force Work Group: Matthew Cumers and Naomi Howell 6(a). Update/Report

# ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Alan Heck, Amy Parrish and Bonnie Harbin

**7(a).** Below are the approved training courses since the last regular meeting to be ratified at this meeting:

Course Title Approved Credits

- 1. Facilitating Coordinated Response from Field to Lab: ESAM Program 1
- 2. Fluoride Use in Community Water Systems 1
- 3. Bed Bug (Cimex lectularius L.) Infestations Impact Quality of Life Mosquitoes and Mosquito-borne Pathogens 1
- 4. Got Bugs? Get Sued! 1
- 5. Basic Food Law for State Regulators (FDA35 Ver 2.0) 1
- 6. Basics of Inspections: Beginning an Inspection (FDA38 Ver 1.3) 1.5
- 7. Basics of Inspections: Issues and Observations (FDA39 Ver 1.3) 1.5
- 8. Foodborne Illness Investigations 2: Beginning an Investigation (FIO2 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 9. Foodborne Illness Investigations 1: Collecting Surveillance Data (FIO1 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 10. Foodborne Illness Investigations 4: Conducting a Food Hazard Review (FIO4 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 11. Food Microbiological Control 10: Aseptic Sampling (MIC13 Ver 3.0) 1.5
- 12. Food Microbiological Control 12: Cleaning and Sanitizing (MIC15 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 13. Food Microbiological Control 7B: Control by Pasteurization (MICO9 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 14. Food Microbiological Control 6: Control by Refrigeration and Freezing (MICO7 Ver

- 2.0) 1
- 15. Food Microbiological Control 7C: Control by Retorting (MIC10 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 16. Food Microbiological Control 7A: Control by Thermal Processing (MICO8 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 17. Food Microbiological Control 5: Controlling Growth Factors (MICO6 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 18. Food Microbiological Control 4: Foodborne Parasites (MICO5 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 19. Food Microbiological Control 3: Foodborne Viruses (MIC04 Ver 2.0) 1
- 20. Food Microbiological Control 2B: Gram-Positive Rods and Cocci (MIC03 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 21. Food Microbiological Control: Mid-Series Exam (MIC16 Ver 2.0) 1.5
- 22. Basics of HACCP: The Principles (FDA18 Ver 2.0) 1
- 23. An Introduction to Food Security Awareness (Printable Version) (FD251A Ver 1.0) 1
- 24. FDA Public Health Principles (FDA 36) (FDA 36-INT-ENG Ver 1.1) 1.5
- 25. Food Microbiological Control 1: Overview of Microbiology (MIC01 Ver 2.0) 1
- 26. Environmental Surface Sampling; Are You Confident? 1
- 27. A Universal Decolonization Strategy to Prevent MDROs and Hospitalization in Nursing Home Residents 1
- 28. Housing as a Determinate of Health Equity 1
- 29. 28th Annual Conference Maryland Water Monitoring Council What Are You Drinking? 6
- 30. Maryland Commission on Climate Change Third Quarterly Meeting 2
- 31. The VGBA Standard Changes in 2021 What Have We Learned? 1
- 32. Integrated Pest Management In Restaurants 2
- 33. Arizona School IPM Inside and Out Implementation of School Integrated Pest Management Programs in Arizona Schools 1
- 34. Bedbugs: What Are the Health Risks? 1
- 35. Correlation Analysis of Climatic Variables, Migration, and Dengue Fever Cases in Southeast Florida 1
- 36. Data Driven: Utilizing California's School Pesticide Report Database to Improve Gopher Management 1
- 37. Don't Panic! Helping Social Service Providers Cope with Bed Bugs 1
- 38. Scratch That Ich: Exterminating Bedbugs through Partnerships with Private Enterprise 1
- 39. CDC Environmental Assessments Training Series 101 9
- 40. FoodNet Investigations 5
- 41. New Mexico DOH's Approaches to Estimating Private Wells, Private Well Users and Risk Estimations 1
- 42. Collaborative Pilot Scale Evaluation of GAC and IX Media for Removal of PFAS From Groundwater 1
- 43. Tennessee DOH's Approaches to Estimating Private Wells, Private Well Users and Risk Estimations 1

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- 44. Private Water System Protection and Treatment -1
- 45. Food Safety A Public-Private Collaboration to Curtail the Spread of Norovirus 1
- 46. Food Safety Listeria Controls at Retail: Nationwide Surveillance Results 1
- 47. Food Safety New Guidance and Resources on Cannabis and Food Safety -.5
- 48. Collection Systems Seminar Sailing Troubled Water Navigating The Supply Chain And Labor Crises 5.75
- 49. Industrial Monitoring Activities for Facilities without a EPA Mandated Program 1
- 50. Community Engagement and Risk Communication 4

## **ITEM 8** Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

## 8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (5)

- 1. Renee Levy (12-9-22 exam)
- 2. Angela Middleton (12-16-22 exam)
- 3. Jessica Shipley (21-306 Waiver of Examination of Persons Registered in Other States)
- 4. John Ernst (12-29-22 exam)
- 5. Rowan Weber (1-6-23 exam)

## 8(b). License Reactivation (0)

### 8(c). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (4)

- 1. Kennedy Perry
- 2. Chandra Reiff
- 3. Nicholas Palumbo
- 4. Inga Ali

### 8(d). Extended Certificate of Eligibility Issued (0)

### 8(e). In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

- 1. Meghan Paulus
- 2. Omar Esquivias
- 3. Kennedy Perry
- 4. Melaine Eshenbaugh
- 5. Ryan Kuenzel
- 6. Michael Allman

## 8(f). Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (0)

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