



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

October 4, 2023 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Matthew Cumers, Board Chair, Local Health Department Member
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member (Joined at 10:08 a.m.)
Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member
Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry
Mia Lowery, Local Government
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member (Joined at 10:40 a.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Sherry Williams, Department of Health

Staff and Visitors:

Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel
James Merrow, Executive Director
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Kimberly Link, MDH
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Zakiyyah Holms, MDH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Matthew Cumers, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda was reviewed. James Merrow requested that the Board adjust the Agenda and move ITEM 5 after the Board Chair Report for the individuals present on the call for ITEM 5 only. Sarath Seneviratne provided a motion to adopt the Agenda with the requested adjustment. Kevin Barnaba provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes

1(a). The August 2, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Naomi Howell made a motion to adopt the Minutes with the correction to Lillian Reese's name. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

2(a). Board Member Sherry Williams was absent for this meeting. Her introduction will take place at the December 6, 2023 Board Meeting.

2(b). Matthew informed the Board that he and Naomi Howell are working on putting content together for the apprenticeship lecture.

2(c). The Board representation on the Work Force Work Group are Naomi Howell, Mia Lowery and Bonnie Harbin.

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RELOCATED AGENDA ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee

5(a). Proposed Regulations – 10.60.02 Licensing Procedures and 10.60.03 Continuing Education. The proposed regulations were reviewed. Matthew Cumers informed the Board that all italics in the proposed regulations are what has been added and brackets identify what is being removed. The proposed regulations deal with continuing education and how the Board will verify CEU completion by licensees. The proposed regulations will move forward as an emergency. Lillian Reese will clean up the proposed draft and supply a clean copy to the Board. Naomi Howell made a motion to approve the proposed regulations. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 3 Board Staff Report

3(a). License Renewals - 77 licensees went into non-renewed status and 7 went into inactive status.

3(b). Statistics from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 468
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 127
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 207

The active certificates of eligibility will need to be verified, as some of the certificates have expired. Board staff will request a list from IT and enter expired certificates into the database, which will change the total number currently provided from the database. Naomi Howell and Matthew Cumers inquired with Board staff to obtain historical counts of licensees for the purpose of informing a study related to Senate Bill 830 of 2023. Board staff indicated that this data may be able to be obtained through the licensing database.

3(c). Number of Exam passing scores since the prior meeting – 5

3(d). Number of failing scores since the prior meeting – 3

ITEM 4 Credentialing

4(a). Applicant, Jan Jaminal, met all licensure requirements based on the application and transcript review, and took and passed the National Exam for licensure, but had not been licensed or credentialed in another state. Documentation had been provided to the Board from Mr. Jaminal's prior employers, detailing at least 24 months of performing the duties of an Environmental Health Specialist or equivalent in another state. The Board reviewed the documentation to determine if the past experience would be recognized as the Board's completed in-training period for licensure. Naomi Howell made a motion to accept the past experience as recognized in-training. Sarah Senevirante provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group

No meetings have taken place. Bonnie Harbin has prepared a brochure for Naomi Howell and Mia Lowery to review.

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ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

Course Title Approved Credits

7(a). Below are the approved training courses that were reviewed and approved at the October 4, 2023 Board meeting. Naomi Howell made a motion to approve the training courses. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. Vote 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Course Title Approved Credits

1. How to Prevent a Catastrophic Event to Your Water or Wastewater System – 7
2. 3- Day EPA Asbestos Inspector – 19.25
3. Notice of Defect Training (NOD) – 2
4. Health Equity: Current Practice-based Considerations for Public Health Agencies – 1
5. Asthma Community Practice – 1.5
6. A Parent’s Guide to Asthma Care at School – 1
7. Public Health Emergency Preparedness – 1.5
8. Community Health Worker & Environmental Case Manager Training – 6
9. MOWPA Onsite Systems Inspections - Practices & Procedures (09-23 and 10-23) – 14.7
10. Sustainable Tourism - promoting environmental public health – 13.2
11. CASA 351st Quarterly Meeting – 4
12. The Private Well Course – Section 8 – 1
13. The Private Well Course – Section 9 – 1
14. The Private Well Course – Section 10 – 1
15. The Private Well Course – Section 7 – 1
16. NEHA 2023 AEC – 26
17. National Response Framework, An Introduction – 3
18. An Introduction to the National Incident Management System – 4
19. Septic Systems 101 – 2
20. The Private Well Course – Section 1 – 1
21. The Private Well Course – Section 2 – 1
22. The Private Well Course – Section 3 – 1
23. The Private Well Course – Section 4 – 1
24. The Private Well Course – Section 5 – 1
25. The Private Well Course – Section 6 – 1
26. AEC 2019: Food Safety – Cannabis and Food Safety: The Latest News and Emerging Issues – 1
27. AEC 2019: Food Safety – Evaluating, Controlling and Preventing the Presence of Listeria Monocytogenes in Food Protection – 1
28. AEC 2019: Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 2 – Critical Contributions: Cases Studies on Environmental Health and Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigations – 1
29. AEC 2019: Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – VeCToR: Vector Control Tools and Resources – 1

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30. Pool Inspection Training for Environmental Health Professionals – 8
31. Digital Defense – Water: Legionella Risk Management in Health Care Settings – 1
32. Digital Defense – Water: Developing Regulations for Rainwater Harvesting - .5
33. MOWPA – Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Service Provider Certification Program – 7

ITEM 8 Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (11)

1. Eric Kareem (5-26-23 exam)
2. Shantel Ward (Statute 21-306 Waiver of Examination of persons registered in other states)
3. Devon Rappaport (4-21-23 exam)
4. Colin Murphy (5-10-23 exam)
5. Tasha Meddaugh (7-13-23 exam)
6. Rachel Murphy (4-25-23 exam)
7. Alexander Pierce (7-28-23 exam)
8. Joshua Cho (8-28-23 exam)
9. Brooke Zibell (8-19-23 exam)
10. Becka Alves (8-28-23 exam)

8(b). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (19)

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| 1. Calli Chartrand | 11. Katherine Traynor |
| 2. Mara Decker | 12. Ebony Jenkins |
| 3. Ameze Uweh | 13. Jan Jaminal |
| 4. Rachel Bamgboye | 14. Rachael Silverblatt |
| 5. Peter Umoreign | 15. Kaylee Henson |
| 6. David Ondande | 16. Edward Roache |
| 7. Evan Griffin | 17. Daniel Anderson |
| 8. John Wells | 18. Deginet Anshebo |
| 9. Austin Hall | 19. Patrick Amo-Menash |
| 10. Caroline Anderson | |

8(c). In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

1. Pamela Benitez
2. Lendsy Alexander
3. Victoria Andro
4. Patrick Amo-Menash
5. Mark Denoncourt
6. Caroline Anderson

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

At 10:56 a.m. Matthew Cumers read the Presiding Officer’s Statement for closing a meeting under the Open Meetings Act. Naomi Howell made a motion to close the Open Session. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

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Closed Session Summary

Closed session was held from 10:57 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. on a closed session conference call line. The same Board members present for the open session were present for the closed session. The authority for the closed session was Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(13) in order to review criminal history of an applicant for issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility and to review the Closed Session Minutes from the prior meeting. During the closed session, the Board voted to approve its closed session minutes and to issue the certificate of eligibility to the applicant.



Matthew Cumers,
Board Chair



James Merrow
Executive Director

Date: December 6, 2023

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