



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

**November 2, 2023 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**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**  
**Sherry Williams, Department of Health**  
**Mia Lowery, Local Government**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Sarath Seneviratne, At Large**  
**Lewis Brown, Consumer Member**  
**Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry**

**Staff and Visitors:**

**Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**James Merrow, Executive Director**  
**Kimberly Link, MDH**  
**Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator**  
**Zakiyyah Holms, MDH**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA** Adjustment to the Agenda – Under Credentialing, Items 2(a) and 2(b) will be removed because both certificate holders had taken and passed the NEHA exam. Naomi Howell made a motion to adopt the adjusted agenda. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 1 Final Regulations Review**

**1(a).** The Board reviewed COMAR 10.60.01.03 and 05. Naomi Howell made a to approve the Regulations. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 2 Credentialing**

**2(c).** Applicant, Nadia Kendall-Diaz, applied to the Board, met all requirements, had taken and passed the NEHA exam. Ms. Kendall-Diaz requested that the Board accept her documented military-related work experience as a Board-approved in-training period. Naomi Howell made a motion to approve the military work experience. Mia Lowery provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed.

6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

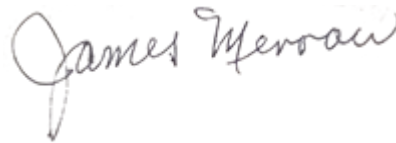
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Naomi Howell made a motion to close the Open Session. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Matthew Cumers,  
Board Chair



James Merrow  
Executive Director

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