

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2022 – June 2023

The State Board of Environmental Health Specialists (the “Board”) operates under the provisions of Title 21 of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and is the licensing authority of environmental health specialists in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to protect the public by regulating the practice of environmental health work in Maryland, by licensing qualified environmental health specialists, establishing fees, maintaining a current roster of all licensees, administering licensing examinations, enforcing current statutes and regulations, adopting new regulations to carry out provisions of the Title, suggesting new changes to the Title to keep abreast of trends and practice issues, adopting standards of practice for environmental health work, verifying credentials, issuing licenses, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees, and creating committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board. As of July 1, 2021, the Board became general funded. The Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of Senate. Seven members of the Board are licensed environmental health specialists and two are consumer members.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mathew Cumers, EHS, Board Chair
Alan Heck, EHS, Board Vice Chair
Tonisha Melvin, Consumer Member, Board Secretary
Naomi Howell, EHS
Amy Parrish, EHS
Bonnie Harbin, EHS
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member
Vacant, EHS
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STAFF:

Bert Nixon, Contractual Executive Director (part-time)
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
James Merrow, Staff
Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel

The Board’s staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board and the coordination of administrative activities with other government agencies. In addition to the above staff, the Board shares its financial, legislative and regulatory, information technology, and investigative staff with other Health Occupation Boards under the Maryland Department of Health.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Beginning in February, the Board conducts bi-monthly public meetings on the first Wednesday of every other month throughout the year. The dates, times, and place of the meetings are posted on the Board’s website. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed to review time-sensitive matters.

MISSION:

The Mission of the Board of Environmental Health Specialists is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality control of the public health aspects of the environment by licensing environmental health specialists, setting standards through their practice with regulations, legislation, and receiving and resolving complaints from the public.

REVENUE REPORT: - General Fund

<u>Category of Fees</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Application Processing Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,200.00
Certificate of Eligibility Extension Fee	50.00	300.00
Initial License Fee	75.00	1,800.00
License Renewal Fee	200.00	65,300.00
License Replacement Fee	25.00	25.00
License Reactivation Fee (from Non-Renewed Status)*	500.00	1,600.00
License Reactivation Fee (from Inactive Status)*	300.00	0.00
Examination Fee (Fee set by Vendor)	125.00	0.00
Inactive Status Fee	25.00	125.00
Seasonal Certificate Extension Fee	25.00	400.00
Returned Check Fee	25.00	0.00
Other Sales (Roster Requests)	25.00	50.00
* Both of these fees have the same Revenue Source Code		
Total Revenue		\$ 76,800.00

EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Appropriation	\$ 160,158.00
Expenditures	\$ 186,373.00
Over/under Appropriations	\$ -26,215.00

STATISTICS: Count by Status Codes (October 26, 2023)

Licensed Environmental Health Specialists	471
EHS Individuals In-Training	129
Individuals eligible for In-training employment	211
Seasonal In-Training Certificates	33

LEGISLATION:

During the 2023 Maryland General Assemblies legislative session, the Board Statute Article – Health Occupation Title 21 was amended to broaden the educational requirements for licensure.

REGULATIONS:

During the reporting period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 the Board promulgated the following regulations:

10.60.01.01.B – Altered the definition of approved training to clarify types of training that is acceptable to the Board. (May 1, 2023)

10.60.02.06 – Altered the expiration and renewal dates. Provided for license exploration/renewal dates to be scheduled every year. Set expirations/renewal dates to coincide with even or odd birth years of licensee. (May 1, 2023)

10.60.03.01 – Altered, for licensee applying for renewal for the first time, Board approved training to include on-the-job training received in an approved environmental health specialist in training program and training from another state under certain conditions. (May 1, 2023)

10.60.06.01.D – Altered fee schedule to include a fee to facilitate the transition of altering the expiration/renewal dates to coincide with even or odd birth years of the licensee. (May 1, 2023)