



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

April 3, 2019 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bert Nixon, Board Chair
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair (Absent)
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary
Amy Parrish, Private Industry
Naomi Howell, Dept. of the Environment Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Bruce Bowman, Consumer Member
Jasen Lau, Consumer Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member

Staff:

Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I

Visitor(s):

Kim Lang – MDH
David Bruce – MDH- Board Investigator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

1(a). The Agenda was reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to accept the Agenda. Veronica Moore provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote -5

ITEM 2 Approval of Minutes

2(a). The Open Session Minutes from the February 6, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. Jasen Lau made a Motion to accept the Minutes. Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7

2(b). The Open Session from the February 15, 2019 Conference Call were reviewed. Amy Parrish made a Motion to accept the Minutes. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7

2(c). The Open Session Minutes from the March 14, 2019 Conference Call were reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to accept the Minutes. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote- 7

ITEM 3 Addition to the Agenda: Space Issue

3(a). Bert Nixon addressed the options for the space needed for staff and the Executive Director. It has already been decided that Preston Street is not an option due to the parking availability. Another option could be a building on the Spring Grove Campus, in Catonsville, which has room for parking and staff and potentially less rental cost. Bert stated a site visit may be necessary. Amy Parrish made a Motion for a site visit. Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion Passed. Vote – 8

Kim Lang will set up the site visit and coordinate with Bert.

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ITEM 4 Board Chair Report

4(a). A letter had been mailed out on February 26, 2019 to all County Health Department Directors with attention to each Human Resource Department. A copy of the letter was provided for the Board members to review. The letter detailed the following:

Health Occ. § 21-3-1 (A), Health Occ. § 21-401 (a), Health Occ. § 21-402 and COMAR 10.60.01.02A.

4 (b). During a non- meeting month – Unforeseen Conference Call

The Board was advised to set aside a time on the first Wednesday of the month that the Board does not meet for any unforeseen conference call. Naomi Howell made a Motion for the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and to have an email sent out prior to the needed conference call. Amy Parrish provided a 2nd to the Motion. Vote-8.

4(c). Continuing Education Requirement that went into Effect on April 23, 2018

The Board had received continuing education training from 8 licensees that did not meet the 90-day receipt as required in COMAR Title 10 Subtitle 60 Chapter 3 Continuing Education. Each licensee was re-sent a copy of the email that went out regarding the Regulation change and a copy of the Regulation. One licensee requested that the Board make a decision on the late submittal of continuing education training. The Board's response is to hold consistent to the Regulation and for the Board staff to respond to the licensee with the decision and to copy Bert Nixon. Jasen Lau made a Motion to accept the Board's decision. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the Motion. Vote-8

Amy Parrish left the room

4(d). Title 10 Subtitle 60 Chapter 3 Continuing Education .01 Approval of Training

The Board reviewed two separate training requests for a determination regarding the correct continuing education credits to be awarded. Board Administrator, Donna Zickefoose reached out to Karen Brandt, with the Maryland Center for Environmental Training (MCET). Karen Brandt reviewed both training requests. The first request for training taken at the Sacramento University was 9.0 CEUs, which translates to 90 hours of continuing education. The 2nd request for training was a 3-credit course with each credit calculated at 15 hours. This translates to 45 hours for the course or 4.5 CEUs.

Amy Parrish returned to the room

4(e). Phasing out of NEHA Paper Exams

The last communication with NEHA was that they were unsure how to proceed and had been planning a process. Bert Nixon had informed Donna to schedule the needed conference call.

ITEM 5 Board Staff Report

5(a). 362 licensees had completed their continuing education requirement at the time of the April 3, 2019 Agenda preparation.

5(b). Blast emails

On March 13, 2019, an email went out to all licensees informing them of the renewal application being posted on the Board's website. Following that email, 18 licensees renewed their licenses early.

On March 19, 2019, an email went out to all licensees informing them of an upcoming training opportunity: the Maryland Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (MOWPA). This training was approved for 8.5 continuing education credits.

The Database Administrator had informed the Board staff that approximately 30 licensees had unsubscribed to the Board's Blast emails.

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5(e). Stats from the Licensing Database

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 30
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 591
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 98
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility - 147

ITEM 6 Credentialing:

6(a). Philip McIntee completed 17 of the 24 months of his in-training period. He requested to take the exam scheduled for August 6, 2019. Letters were provided from Mr. McIntee and his supervisor.

Bruce Bowman left the room
Bruce Bowman returned

Amy Parrish made a motion to allow Mr. McIntee to take the August 6, 2019 exam. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7

Erin Kelly Left the room

6(b). March 12, NEHA Exam:

The exam had 19 candidates take the exam. The names are listed below:

Erin Kelly returned

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| 1. Crystal Akenbrand | 11. Kerron Morgon |
| 2. Cole Aston | 12. Omomayokum Ojo |
| 3. Tanice Bailey | 13. Sepideh Payami |
| 4. David Bradford | 14. Samantha Peternel |
| 5. Vanessa Ciaramellano Campbell | 15. Alan Post |
| 6. Megline Igbokew | 16. Kacey Revere |
| 7. Natisha Joseph | 17. Evyonnka Rizkallah |
| 8. Amanda Losardo | 18. Anthony Robnett |
| 9. Kristi Marsh | 19. Zackary Silvast |
| 10. Ashley McMahan | |

The Exam scores had been received, the 12 passing candidates' names are below:

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| 1. Crystal Akenbrand | 7. Kristi Marsh |
| 2. Cole Aston | 8. Ashley McMahan |
| 3. Vanessa Ciaramellano Campbell | 9. Kerron Morgan |
| 4. Megiline Igkokwe | 10. Sepideh Payami |
| 5. Natisha Joseph | 11. Samantha Peternel |
| 6. Amanda Losardo | 12. Kacey Revere |

ITEM 7 Legislative/Regulations Committee:

No update. Possible revision to the training taken must be sent to the Board within 90 days of training completion to be clear.

ITEM 8 Work Force Work Group

Bert Nixon did not attend the last Director's Meeting. The Group is waiting for a meeting to be scheduled.

ITEM 9 Continuing Education Committee

No Report.

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ITEM 10 Status of Work Processed

Initial License Issued (7)

1. Solomon Balcha (12-11-18 exam)
2. Samantha Peternel (3-12-19 exam)
3. Kerron Morgan (3-12-19 exam)
4. Cole Aston (3-12-19 exam)
5. Crystal Ankenbrand (3-12-19 exam)
6. Natisha Joseph (3-12-19 exam)
7. Amanda Losardo (3-12-19 exam)

License Reactivation (1)

1. Caleb Boczon (Reactivated from non-renewed status)

Board Approved Reduction of In-Training Period (2)

1. Timothy Burke (2-6-19 Board voted in favor of changing 24 months to 12 months of in-training)
2. Natasha Joseph (2-6-19 Board voted in vafor of recognizing Masters Degree, Environmental Science, to change the 12 month in-training to the 3 month in-training.

In-Training Certificates Issued (11)

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| 1. Maria-Angelia Salvi | 7. Demisew Deressa |
| 2. Katherine Laird | 8. Sara Albright |
| 3. Nneka Ijeabuonwu | 9. Fantahun Bizuneh |
| 4. Brittany Farrish | 10. Travis Allen |
| 5. Megan Euliano | 11. Monae Heath |
| 6. DeKarra Johnson | |

Extended In-Training Certificated Issued (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (6)

1. Temesgen Yimanie
2. Brennan Tarleton
3. Christins Rohland
4. Batamuliza
5. Benjamine Salzar
6. Fanthaun Bizuneh

Extended Certificate of Eligibility (1)

1. Madison Hunt

Seasonal/Summer Youth Camp Certificates Issued (6)

1. Marilyn Wise
2. Emily Turner
3. Claek Adleman
4. James Fishman
5. John Ernst

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Letters of Denial for a Certificate of Eligibility (4)

1. Jasmine Copeland – Did not meet the required coursework.
2. Jordon Bosley – Did not meet the lab requirement.
3. Lee Ann Olthaus – Did not meet the required coursework.
4. Asaymu Swen – Did not meet the required coursework and lab requirement.

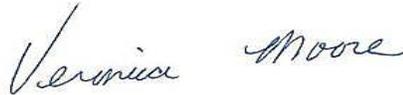
Bruce Bowman left the Meeting

At 12:06 p.m., Bert Nixon read the Closing Statement to move into Closed Session pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) in order to review closed session minutes. Ann Rose voted to close the Open Session and enter into Closed Session, and Jasen Lou seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstaining. Vote- 5. The same Board members who were present during the Open Session were present during the Closed Session, with the exception of Bruce Bowman, and the topic actually discussed involved the closed session minutes for the February 6, 2019 Board meeting and the March 14, 2019 Conference Call. The Board approved both closed session minutes. At 12:13 p.m., Jasen Lau made a motion to go back into open session and Ann Rose seconded the motion.

At 12:14 P.M., Jasen Lau made a motion to enter administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. Ann Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Bert Nixon
Board Chair



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary

Date: August 7, 2019

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