



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

**AUGUST 7, 2019 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Board Members Present:**

**Bert Nixon, Board Chair**  
**Linda Rudie, Vice Chair**  
**Ann Rose, Board Secretary**  
**Amy Parrish, Private Industry**  
**Naomi Howell, Dept. of the Environment Member**  
**Jasen Lau, Consumer Member**  
**Erin Kelly, Local Government Member**  
**Alan Heck, At Large Member**

**Staff:**

**Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**

**Visitor(s):**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

**ITEM 1 Addition to the Agenda:**

**1(a).** The following are candidates who took the August 7, 2019 NEHA exam:

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| 1. Lauren Lear        | 7. Sonya Hong         | 13. Nasir Sakar     |
| 2. Brittany Ames      | 8. Robert Maffei      | 14. Philip McIntee  |
| 3. David Bradford     | 9. Alan Post          | 15. Zackary Silvast |
| 4. Timothy Burke      | 10. Evyonka Rizkallah | 16. Hailey Allen    |
| 5. Brittany Carpenter | 11. Sharmel Rhyne     |                     |
| 6. Alyssa Dears       | 12. Anthony Robnett   |                     |

**ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda**

**2(a).** The Agenda was reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to accept the Agenda with revisions. Jason Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed Vote -8

**ITEM 3 Approval of Minutes**

**3(a).** The Open Session Minutes from the April 3, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to accept the Minutes with revisions. Jasen Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote-8

**3(b).** The Open Session from the June 5, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to accept the minutes with revisions. Jasen Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote -8

**3(c).** The Open Session Minutes from the June 27, 2019 Conference Call were reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to adopt as submitted. Jasen Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote-8.

**ITEM 4 Board Chair Report:**

**Bert Nixon**

**4(a).** Introduction of new Board Member Alan Heck, At Large Representation. Mr. Heck provided the Board with his history in Public Health.

**4(b).** Interviews were conducted for the Board's Executive Director. Eight candidates met the requirements. Five were interviewed. This is a contractual position for 10 to 12 hours per week. It was learned that there was an additional vetting process for this position, therefore the selected candidate will be getting approval by the Governor.

**4(c).** A telephone conference was held with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) regarding the process of moving forward transitioning to computer-based exams. NEHA provided an Agreement/Contract which Katie took the lead to review. NEHA also provided a sample letter for future exam candidates. The candidate letter and Agreement will be reviewed and amended so the candidates will have knowledge to pay NEHA direct and pick the site that they will take the exam. The Board will still inform the candidates when they are eligible to take the exam and the candidate will notify the Board after they have scheduled the exam with NEHA. NEHA will send the score reports to the Board.

**4(d).** In an effort to allow as many exam candidates as possible to take the NEHA exam prior to the exam fee increase when NEHA moves to the computer-based exams the Board discussed adding an additional NEHA exam in October, 2019. Naomi Howell made a Motion to add the additional exam in October. Jasen Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 8

**4(e).** When a licensee returns to active licensure from a non-renewed status or the inactive status the Continuing Education Regulation updated April 23, 2018 10.60.03.(2) (b) will not be enforced.

**4(f). Officer Nomination**

Veronica Moore, Board Secretary, membership term ended July 1, 2019. A nomination/volunteer for the Board Secretary will need to take place. The Board Secretary will review all agendas and meeting minutes. Ann Rose volunteered to be the Board's Secretary. Naomi Howell made a Motion to accept Ann Rose as the Board's secretary. Bert Nixon provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote -8

**4(g).** Sara Trescott, Washington County Health Department, for the purpose of testing and recruitment prepared a presentation for the Board at its June 5, 2019 Meeting. The presentation was included in the August 7, 2019 Board meeting for the members who were not at the June 5, 2019 meeting.

**ITEM 5 Board Staff Report**

**Donna Zickefoose**

**5(a).** At the completion of the license renewal period there were 54 licensees who went into non-renewed status and 25 licensees who went into inactive status.

**5(b).** Board members were reminded of the New Board Member Orientation to be held on Monday, October 7, 2019. The RSVP information was provided.

**5(c).** Stats from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 521
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 98
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 153

**ITEM 6 Credentialing**

**6(a).** David Henry – Mr. Henry sent the Board his application and processing fee. When the application review began it was discovered that Mr. Henry had been issued a Certificate of Eligibility and an In-Training Certificate in the past. The In-Training Certificate had expired August 4, 2009. The record of Mr. Henry had not been passed on to the Department of Health from the Department of the Environment. Mr. Henry stated that he did hold an in-training certificate in the past and did take an exam but did not pass. The application and transcript had been reviewed by the Board members. Amy Parrish made a Motion to issue a new Certificate of Eligibility. Ann Rose provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote -8

**6(b).** George Ball – Mr. Ball applied with the Board. Upon review of his application it was discovered that Mr. Ball held an In-Training Certificate in the past. Mr. Ball and his supervisor had requested that his past experience be applied to his in-training period. Bert Nixon, Board chair reviewed the application and resolved this prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Ball will have a 12 month In-Training period.

**ITEM 7 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Jasen Lau**  
The Committee met in July where preliminary changes began with continued review. Tentatively, the Committee will conduct a conference call the first week in September.

**ITEM 8 Work Force Work Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Naomi Howell**  
At the Long Term Work Force Group Meeting meeting 2 drafts were presented. Comments were made on revisions. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting for the final draft.

**ITEM 9 Continuing Education Committee: Amy Parrish, Ann Rose and Alan Heck**  
The below training requests were for the full Board to review.

**9(a).** Water sampler Certification – The approved continuing educations credits are 3.

**9(b).** 3-Day Mold Inspection and Assessment – The approved continuing education credits are 20.

**9(c).** Mid-Atlantic Zoonotic and Vector Borne Disease Inter-Agency Workgroup (MAZV) – The approved continuing education credit is 1.

**ITEM 10 Approved Continuing Education to be Ratified by the Board:**

1. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Groundwater Symposium
2. 2019 Outbreak Investigation Fundamentals Training
3. I-S00200.C Basic Incident Command System
4. RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Workshop
5. Legionella and Waterborne Disease Outbreaks
6. Universal Infection Prevention Control
7. 4-Hour EPA Renovator Refresher
8. Rabies Program Overview
9. NEHA-Food Safety Medical Marijuana Recall in Arizona
10. NEHA-Workforce and Leadership Advocacy around the Globe

**ITEM 11 Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (3)**

1. Vanessa Campbell (3-12-19 exam)
2. Jacqueline Reszetar (21-306 waiver of examination of persons registered in other states)
3. Fantahun Bizuneh (Board Approved after 3 month in-training completion)

**License Reactivation (0)**

**In-Training Certificates Issued (2)**

1. Adewole Adegiorioye
2. Dustin Mathers

**Extended In-Training Certificated Issued (0)**

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (7)**

1. Jasmine Copeland
2. Morgan Jackson-Sutton
3. Jabrielle Howard
4. Luis Rivera
5. Steven Brunner
6. Asim Zaki
7. Chagal Mircino

**Extended Certificate of Eligibility (1)**

1. Daniel Kershner

**Seasonal/Summer Youth Camp Certificates Issued (2)**

1. Matthew Bem
2. Luis Rivera

**Letters of Denial for a Certificate of Eligibility (3)**

1. Camerra Hines – Did not meet Course and Lab requirement
2. Kidist Worku – Did not meet Degree requirement
3. Jasmine Franklin – Did not meet course requirement

At 12:13 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. Jasen Lu voted to close the Open Session and enter into Closed Session, and Ann Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstaining. Vote- 8. The same Board members who were present during the Open Session were present during the Closed Session and the topic actually discussed involved the closed session minutes for the April 13, 2019 and June 27, 2019 meeting minutes, 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 12:15 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/Treasurer

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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