



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

**DECEMBER 4, 2019 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff:**

**Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**James Merrow, Executive Director**  
**Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**

**Visitor(s):**

**Kim Lang, MDH**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**ITEM 1**      **1(a).** The Agenda was reviewed. Item 4(b) was moved to a Closed Session Agenda. Ann Rose motioned to approve the Agenda. Linda Rudie provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

**ITEM 2**      **Approval of Minutes**  
**1(a).** The Open Session Minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed for approval. Ann Rose motioned to approve the Minutes with revisions. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

**ITEM 3**      **Board Chair Report**  
**3(a).** Bert Nixon welcomed Donald Braman to the Board. Donald provided his history and background while employed with the Federal Government and as an R.N. in Infectious Disease Control for Hospitals among other Health Care experiences.

**ITEM 4**      **Executive Director Report**  
**4(a)** A Blast email had been sent out to all in-training certificate holders who will be eligible for the NEHA exam in 2020. The email informed the candidates of the change from paper to computer-based exams and how the Board will move forward with notification of exam eligibility. A copy of the candidate admission letter submitted for review.  
An email was sent to the Procurement Office with Board Counsel's letter of

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Procurement concerns attached. As of this date no response has been received.

**4(b).** To date there are 14 licensees who have met their required continuing education credit for the 2021 license renewal.

**4(c).** Stats from the licensing database

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 537
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 95
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 173

**4(e).** The Continuing Education Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss how they will streamline the review and approval process of training requests. Ann Rose will be first to serve as the Continuing Education Committee Chair on a six-month rotating basis.

**4(d).** The maryland.gov email addresses created for the Board Members who have a private email address has been somewhat of a problem for the members to create. The Board staff will coordinate with the shared IT Staff to correct the problem. Board staff was directed to contact Erin Kelly and advise her to use a personal computer to access the Maryland.gov email since her employer has a block on her creating the email address at work.

**4(b).** The Board's Annual Report was provided for the Board Members' s review.

**ITEM 5**

**Credentialing:**

**5(a).** The October 22, 2019 NEHA exam had 9 candidates take the exam. 5 of the 9 candidates passed the exam. The names of the candidates who passed are listed below:

1. Hailey Allen
2. George Fidel
3. Alyssa Deares
4. Sonya Hong
5. Amanda Page

**5(b).** Emmanuel Ehizibolo – Mr. Ehizibolo's translated transcript

U.S. Equivalency degree is First Professional Degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM). In addition, the transcript provided no specific math courses. Mr. Ehizibolo did provide a transcript from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria which did show basic mathematics. The Board reviewed all documents submitted. Amy Parrish motioned to waive the math requirements in view of the 1<sup>st</sup> Professional Degree. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 6

**5(c).** Venkat Tadepalli – Mr. Tadepalli's transcript showed no labs or math. Mr. Tadepalli submitted a foreign transcript that had not be transcribed and requested the Board accept as submitted. The Board reviewed the transcript and the consensus was to request the foreign transcript be transcribed and to also provide his undergrad transcript.

**ITEM 6**

**Legislative/Regulations**

James Merrow provided an update for the proposed Regulations – The proposed Regulations are under review on December 4, 2019 by the Secretary to sign off to go to the AELR Committee. The timeline for publication will be sometime in

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December 2019.

James Merrow advised that he has spoken with Lilliam Reese, Legislative Coordinator, regarding seeking a Sponsor for the Board's funding.

**ITEM 7 Work Force Work Group**

Bert Nixon advised that there was no update on the Work Force Work Group. There had been a Secretary's meeting and consideration for an annual salary review was recommended.

**ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee**

**8(a).** Training for the Full Board to review and approve:

- Protec Instrument Corporation XRF Lead Paint Inspection System – The training request was reviewed and discussed. Ann Rose motioned to approve for 1 continuing education credit with the option of more documentation for 2 continuing education credits. Amy Parrish provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote – 6

**8(b).** Below are the training requests that were ratified by the full Board which have been approved by the Continuing Education Committee since the October 2, 2019 Board meeting: Alan Heck made a Motion to ratify as described. Ann Rose provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

1. Estabrook Dam Removal: A Step in Improving the Health of the Milwaukee River - Infrastructure Virtual Summit (1)
2. 2019 Legislative Update – Changes to COMAR 10.15.03 (1.5)
3. Risk Communication for Public Health (5)
4. 71<sup>st</sup> Interstate Seafood Seminar (14)
5. 2019 NEHA Annual Educational Conference (14.5)
6. Protecting Public Health in a Changing Climate: A Primer for City, Local and Regional Action (13)
7. What Environmental Health Professionals Need to Know about Wells (1.5)
8. First We Wash Our Hands: Global Handwashing Day Event (1)
9. Essentials of Mediation (12)
10. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Leadership Institute Green and Healthy Homes Institute (12)
11. MDE Director's Meeting (10-1-19) (2)
12. Best Available Technologies (BAT) Installer Certification (12-9-19) (4)
13. NCAEHA Fall Educational Conference (10-24-19) (4)
14. Attorney General Training (4.5)
15. MOWPA Annual Conference (6)
16. Food Microbiological Control 7C : Control by Retorting (MIC10 Ver 1.1) (2)
17. Food Microbiological Control 7B: Control by Pasteurization (MIC09 Ver 1.1) (2)
18. Food Microbiological Control: 7A: Control by Thermal Processing (MIC08 Ver 1.1) (2)
19. 2-Day Lead Risk Assessor (14)
20. Managing Retail Food Safety (19)
21. Zoonoses, Vectors, Pests and Weeds – EPHOC (4)
22. Oral Rabies Vaccination Team Training (2)

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23. Grease and Your Pretreatment Program (5)
24. 4-Hour EPA AHERA Inspector Refresher (4)
25. 1-Day Lead Inspector Refresher (7.5)
26. Advanced Incident Command System and General Staff - Complex Incidents (ISC-400) (14)
27. Environmental Health Issues in Disasters (2)
28. Red Cross Psychological First Aid (4.5)
29. 8-Hour Hazwoper Refresher
30. Visible Emissions Evaluation field training and certification (9-18-10) (2)
31. Soil Morphology and Land Use Evaluation on the Upper Delmarva Peninsula (5)
32. Norovirus Just in Time Refresher for Retail Food Industry and Regulators (1.5)
33. Remediation Management of Complex Sites (2.25)
34. Lead Abatement Supervisor Course (27.75)
35. Food Service Risk Factor Violation Trends (.9)
36. Hepatitis A Update on Recent Outbreak Trends and Best Practices For Food Regulators and Retail Food Industry (1.2)
37. Special Processes at Retail DF 312 (15)
38. Coolection System Committee Fall Seminar: The New Normal? (5.5)

**ITEM 9      Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (5)**

1. Hailey Allen (10-22-19 exam)
2. George Fidel (10-22-19 exam)
3. Amanda Page (10-22-19 exam)
4. Sonya Hong (10-22-19 exam)
5. Alyssa Deares (10-22-19 exam)

**License Reactivation (1)**

1. Brian Dicken – Reactivated from Non-Renewed Status

**In –Training Certificates Issued (7)**

1. Chris Volrath
2. Trevor Maclosky
3. Morgan Jackson-Sutton
4. Jasmine Copeland
5. Zachary Kane
6. Owen Doty
7. Kelsey Green

**Extended In-Training Certificates Issued (5)**

1. Sara Addis
2. Lana Johnson
3. Joseph Goldscher
4. Kristie Payne

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5. Travon Owens

**Revised In-Training Certificate – Board Approved Reduction of In-Training Period (3)**

1. Joseph Spangler (10-2-19 meeting)
2. Shayne Linzey (10-2-19 meeting)
3. Aiesha Lee (10-2-19 meeting)

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (21)**

1. Connie Perry-Riddick
2. DeEtta Winmiller
3. Hannah Lux
4. Zachary Kane
5. LaDonnia Hassane
6. Godfred Opoku
7. Christine Thinn
8. Elizabeth Cooper
9. Owen Doty
10. Renee Levy
11. Ashley Jean-Pierre
12. Monty Rahman
13. William Bartz, Jr.
14. Jordon Weaver
15. Taylor Merchant
16. William Matthews
17. Angelia Mullins
18. Nia Govan
19. Patricia Deavers
20. Ryan Carter
21. Joshua Graham

**Extended Certificates of Eligibility (0)**

**Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (0)**

**Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (3)**

1. Erinna Moorman – Did not meet the lab requirement.
2. Katherina Tan – Did not meet the lab requirement.
3. Andrew Zagwodski – Did not meet the course requirement.

Alan Heck stepped out.

At 12:20 p.m., at the same location as the open meeting, Ann Rose made a motion to close Open Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) to review a request for an in-training certificate extension prohibited from public disclosure by State law. The motion was seconded by Amy Parrish. Motion passed unanimously. Vote-5.

Alan Heck returned.

The same Board members who were present during the Open Session were present during the

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Closed Session, and the topic actually discussed involved the extension of an in-training certificate.

At 12:29 p.m., it was motioned by Ann Rose and seconded by Amy Parrish to re-convene Open Session. At 12:30 p.m., at the same location and with the same members present, it was motioned by Amy Parrish and seconded by Alan Heck to adjourn the Open Session and enter into administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The administrative session ended at 12:31 p.m.



Bert Nixon  
Board Chair



Ann Rose  
Board Secretary

**Date: February 5, 2020**

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