



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

JUNE 5, 2019 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Staff:

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

Visitor(s):

Kim Lang, MDH
Sara L. Trescott, Washington County Health Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair. The Board did not meet the required quorum of voting members consequently there were no motions made or votes taken.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and noted to make corrections and additions.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. It was noted to make revisions.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

2(a). Citations from the Governor and the Department Secretary were to be presented to Veronica Moore, unfortunately, Veronica could not make the meeting the citations will be mailed to her. Bert read the citations to the members.

2(b). Bruce Bowman, Consumer Representation had officially resigned from the Board. Kim Bennardi had informed the Board staff that there is a candidate for the Consumer Position being vetted the only information given at the time is the candidate is a retiree from the Veterans Administration. Alan Heck will replace Veronica's At Large Representation. Mr. Heck's term begins in July, 2019 he has been a licensed Environmental Health Specialist since 1983. Linda Rudie and Jasen Lau have been reappointed to the Board for a further four years.

2(c). NEHA Exam – Phasing out of the paper exams

The Board received a Contract/Agreement from NEHA regarding the computer Based testing. A conference call with NEHA will take place after this meeting. Katie will review the Contract/Agreement and discuss her edits at the August Board Meeting. The Board will discuss the possibility of having a paper exam in

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October at the August meeting. Donna will provide a list of the exam candidates through December, 2019 at the August meeting.

2(d). A blast email went out to all licensees as a reminder of the Continuing Education Regulation that went into effect April 23, 2018. All training must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of completing the training.

2(e). Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator, confirmed with the Board that COMAR 10.60.01 Licensing Procedures was printed in the Maryland Register on May 10, 2019 for the notice of final action. The effective date of the update is May 20, 2019.

2(f). Addition to the Agenda – Bert discussed with the members the space issue for the Executive Director, the Spring Grove Campus is not an option as many logistical issues were professed. There is the possibility that another Board may be able to let the Executive Director use a shared space on the 3rd floor. Another possibility is the use of a small room currently not being used. A laptop will be ordered for the Executive Director to use at work and remotely. The position has been posted this week. When a list is received from HR interviews will take place. Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Marie Savage, Executive Director of the Dietetic Board, will be on the interview panel.

2(g). Bert Nixon provided a form from the Board's website and requested that all forms on the website have an update date listed in the footer.

ITEM 3 Board Staff Report

3(a) At the time of the June Agenda preparation, there are 403 licensees who have completed their continuing education credits for their license renewal.

3(b). 292 renewed licenses have been issued as of June 3, 2019.

3(c). Stats from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 32
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 597
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 98
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 160

ITEM 4 Testing and Recruitment of Environmental Health Specialist

Sara Trescott, Washington County Health Department, provided a presentation to discuss the Board's current minimum requirement for applicants. She reviewed the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) requirement tracks pointing out that NEHA does not require two separate lab courses. The possibility of the Board creating its own exam for licensure was also mentioned. Since the Board did not meet quorum Bert Nixon requested that the presentation be copied and provided for the Board members to review at the August 7, meeting.

ITEM 5 Credentialing:

5(a). Jasmine Copeland – Ms. Copeland had received a letter of denial to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. The denial was based on not meeting the required coursework credits. Ms. Copeland had requested that the full Board review her application and transcript. Bert Nixon reviewed her transcript and there were additional credits that could be applied to the requirement needed to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

5(b). David Henry – Due to lack of quorum, this was tabled until the August 7,

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2019 Board meeting. Mr. Henry sent the Board his application and processing fee. When the review began it was discovered that Mr. Henry held a Certificate of Eligibility and an In-Training Certificate in the past. The In-Training Certificate expired August 4, 2009. The record for Mr. Henry had not been passed on to the Department of Health (MDH) from the Department of the Environment (MDE) when the Board was moved to MDH. Board staff contact Mr. Henry regarding his past expired In-Training Certificate, Mr. Henry stated that he completed his in-training period and took the exam but did not pass.

5(c). George Ball - Due to lack of quorum, this was tabled until the August 7, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Ball applied with the Board and was issued a Certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Ball informed the Board that he had been issued a Certificate of Eligibility and an In-Training Certificate in the past. The Board staff told Mr. Ball that his new In-Training Certificate would begin on the date that his Certificate of Eligibility was signed by his Sponsor/Supervisor. The start date of his position is listed October 24, 1992. Mr. Ball and his supervisor had asked the Board to recognize his past experience as his in-training period.

5(d). Shayne Linzy – Mr. Linzy and his Supervisor requested that the Board change the 24 month in-training to a 12 month in-training period so Mr. Linzy could sit for the licensing exam earlier. Board staff was directed to acknowledge the request to Mr. Linzy informing him defer making the request to the Board after his first 12 months of in-training has been completed.

ITEM 6 Legislative/Regulations

The Committee will meet in July to review regulations. The recommended changes will be presented at the August 7, 2019 Board meeting.

ITEM 7 Work Force Work Group

A meeting with the Environmental Health Liaison Committee took place in May. Department of Budget Management (DBM) is still working on the Sanitarian Series.

ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee

8(a). With the resignation of Bruce Bowman, Linda Rudie has stepped in to complete the Committee.

8(b). The Continuing Education Submittal/Review/Approval Process has been updated and re-posted on the Board's website.

8(c). The 103rd CASA Conference was brought for the full Board to review for continuing education credits. It was reviewed and approved for 15 credits.

8(d). All approved training will be added to the future Agenda's for the Board to ratify.

ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued (5)

1. Spideh Payama (3/12/19 exam)
2. Megline Igbokwe (3/12/19 exam)
3. Ashley McMahan (3/12/19 exam)

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4. Kristi Marsh (3/12/19 exam)
5. Kacey Revere (3/12/19 exam)

License Reactivation (1)

1. Temesgen Jemeneh (Reactivated from non-renewed status)

In –Training Certificates Issued (6)

1. Temesgen Yimanie
2. Nicholas Doyle
3. George Ball
4. Haley Golden
5. William Hopkins
6. Gloria Choe

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (10)

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| 1. Kiara Gross | 6. Meresa Adula |
| 2. Sanjay Thakur | 7. Rosemary Mrina |
| 3. Chris Volrath | 8. Elaine Blue |
| 4. George Ball | 9. Matthew Bem |
| 5. Redeat Bekele | 10. Colleen Burkhardt |

Extended Certificates of Eligibility (2)

1. Janet Hartka
2. Josette Markline

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (11)

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| 1. Rita Trice | 7. Lauren Kuta |
| 2. Shayna Kirschenbaum | 8. Joseph Lin |
| 3. Chris Turner | 9. Shaun Stemmler |
| 4. Andrew Kuchner | 10. Catherine Damon |
| 5. Jennifer Czaplicki | 11. Michele Cole-Burnette |
| 6. Richard Lee | |

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (2)

1. Jennifer Mason – Did not meet the lab requirement.
2. Awailae Isidahomen – Did not meet the course work or lab requirement.

Due to the Board not meeting the required quorum of voting members the Closed Session and the Administrative Session will be tabled until the August 7, 2019 Board meeting.

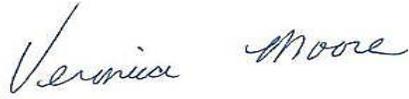
Adjourn: 1:05 p.m.

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Bert Nixon
Board Chair

Date: August 7, 2019



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary

Date: August 7, 2019