



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

**OCTOBER 2, 2019 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Board Members Present:**

**Bert Nixon, Board Chair**  
**Linda Rudie, Vice Chair (Absent)**  
**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 (Absent)**

**Staff:**

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

**Visitor(s):**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

**ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda**

**1(a).** The Agenda was reviewed. Jasen Lau made a Motion to accept the Agenda with revisions. Erin Kelly provided the 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

**ITEM 2 Approval of Minutes**

**2(a).** The Open Session Minutes from the September 4, 2019, Board Meeting were reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Jasen Lau provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

**2(b).** The Open Session Minutes from the August 7, 2019, Board Meeting were reviewed. Amy Parrish made a motion to accept the minutes with revisions. Ann Rose provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 6

**ITEM 3 Board Chair Report:**

**Bert Nixon**

**3(a).** Next steps for General Funding – At a Secretary’s Meeting on September 10, 2019, Bert Nixon, for the purpose of acknowledgement, found the opportunity to mention the Board’s insufficient funds.

**ITEM 4 Executive Director Report**

**James Merrow**

**4(a).** NEHA Exams – NEHA was contacted and confirmed they are the sole source for the National exam. NEHA does not require an Agreement with the Board for the exam candidates to take the exam in 2020 when the exam will be computer based only and taken at one of NEHA’s contracted Pearson VUE locations. The Board will prepare a letter and notify the candidates who are eligible to take the exam. All eligible candidates will pay the exam fee directly to NEHA.

**4(b).** The legislative audit process has begun for all Boards.

**4(c).** As of October 2, 2019, there were 8 recorded licensees who have completed their required continuing education credits for the 2021 license renewal period.

**4(d).** Stats from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 531
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 94
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates - 159

**ITEM 5      Credentialing**

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

1. Hailey Allen
2. George Fidel
3. Alyssa Deares
4. Austin Folkman
5. Sonya Hong
6. Barisua Ikpe
7. Amanda Page
8. Anthony Robnett
9. Zackary Silvast

**5(b).** Joseph Spangler – The Board reviewed letters from Mr. Spangler and his supervisor, Diane Waller. Mr. Spangler had requested to take the licensing exam after completion of 12 months of in-training. Ann Rose made a motion to approve the request. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote – 6

**Naomi Howell stepped out**

**5(c).** Aiesha Lee – The Board reviewed letters from Ms. Lee and her supervisor, Ann Bostic. Ms. Lee had requested to take the licensing exam after completing 12 months of in-training. Amy Parrish made a motion to approve the request. Ann Rose provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote – 5

**Naomi Howell returned**

**Amy Parrish stepped out**

**5(d).** Shayne Linzy – The Board reviewed letters from Mr. Linzy and his supervisor, Frederick von Staden to take the licensing exam after completing 12 months of in-training. Ann Rose made a motion to approve the request. Erin Kelly provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote – 5

**5(e).** Jasmine Franklin – Requested the full Board to review the transcript and the course syllabus; requested review of 3 additional classes for credits by the Board. The entire file was brought to the Board, Bert Nixon reviewed and discussed the additional courses with the Board. The original course work changed from 19 credits to 26 credits. The Board is requesting 4 more course contents from the applicant for their review.

**Erin Kelly stepped out**

**Erin Kelly returned**

**ITEM 6      Legislative/Regulations Committee: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Jasen Lau**  
Update on the proposed regulations – the Notice of Regulation Form and the proposed regulations had been sent to the Department.

**Amy Parrish Returned**

**ITEM 7      Work Force Work Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Naomi Howell**  
Currently there are two draft reports being considered for the specialized practice.

**ITEM 8      Continuing Education Committee: Amy Parrish, Ann Rose and Alan Heck**  
No outstanding training requests.

**ITEM 9      Approved Continuing Education Training since the October 2, 2019 Board Meeting to be Ratified by the Board:**

1. EHTER – Awareness Level – Building Assessment – NEHA (1.5)
2. EHTER – Awareness Level – Disaster Management – NEHA (2)
3. EHTER – Awareness Level – Drinking Water – NEHA (2)
4. EHTER – Awareness Level – Food Safety – NEHA (2.25)
5. EHTER – Awareness Level – Introduction and Overview – NEHA (.5)
6. EHTER – Awareness Level – Responder Safety & Health – NEHA (1.25)
7. EHTER – Awareness Level – Shelters with Simple Certificate – NEHA (2)
8. EHTER – Awareness Level – Solid Waste and Debris – NEHA (1.75)
9. EHTER – Awareness Level – Vectors and Pests – NEHA (2.25)
10. EHTER – Awareness Level – Wastewater – NEHA (1.5)
11. The Private Well Course – Section 1 – NEHA (1)
12. The Private Well Course – Section 2 – NEHA (1)
13. Water Sampling Certification (3)
14. 3-Day Mold Inspection and Assessment (20)
15. 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interstate Environmental Health Science Seminar (8.75)
16. Mid-Atlantic Zoonotic and Vector Borne Disease Inter-Agency Workgroup (7-7-19) (MAZV) (1)
17. Mid-Atlantic Zoonotic and Vector Borne Disease Inter-Agency Workgroup (8-21-19) (MAZV) (2)
18. Mid-Atlantic Zoonotic and Vector Borne Disease Inter-Agency Workgroup (9-18-19) (MAZV) (2)
19. Early Detection of Algal Blooms in US Freshwater Systems (1.5)
20. Milk Plant Sanitation and Inspection (FD 372) (30)
21. Solid Waste Disposal Methods in Prince George’s County (2.5)
22. Special Medical Waste Response Training (2)
23. MDE Director’s Meeting (July 9, 2019) (1.5)
24. Introduction to Safety and Health Management 2019 (6)
25. TUGIS Maryland’s Geospatial Conference (10.5 for full conference – various credits for attended break-out sessions)
26. Disaster Sanitation – EPHOC (5)
27. Environmental Sampling and Monitoring in a Disaster (4)
28. Food Protection – EPHOC (4)
29. Fundamentals of Health Risk Assessment in Public Health (4)
30. Solid and Hazardous Waste – EPHOC (3)
31. Greywater Treatment Systems (1)
32. Rodent Management – NEHA (1)
33. Pest Control through Environmentally Sustainable Treatments (P.E.S.T.) Virtual Conference (9.7)
34. 2019 Chesapeake Tri-Association Conference (Various credits)
35. Hazardous Chemicals in General Industry Train-the-Trainer (7.5)
36. 2019 Central Region Retail Food Protection Seminar (17)
37. 2019 Gulf and Atlantic States Shellfish Conference (13.75)
38. Trends in Environmental Compliance (4.5)

39. CASA 346<sup>th</sup> Quarterly (5)
40. Food and Drug Law (40)
41. FSPCA Preventative Controls for Human Food (17.5)
42. Geospatial Patterns of Antimicrobial Resistance Genes in U.S. Rivers and Streams (1)
43. Interactive Aseptic Sampling and Environmental Swab Sampling Training (10/1/19) (5.25)
44. Increasing Analytical Laboratory Preparedness (1)
45. How to Find Local Information and Help (1.5)

**Jasen Lau exited the meeting**

**ITEM 10      Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (9)**

1. Brittany Carpenter (August 6, 2019 exam)
2. Eyvonnka RizKallah (August 6, 2019 exam)
3. Alan Post (August 6, 2019 exam)
4. Timothy Burke (August 6, 2019 exam)
5. Robert Maffei (August 6, 2019 exam)
6. Brittany Ames (August 6, 2019 exam)
7. Christopher Walker (21-306 Waiver of examination of person registered in other states)
8. Philip McIntee (August 6, 2019 exam)
9. Lauren Lear (August 6, 2019 exam)

**License Reactivation (1)**

1. Roderick Gibson – reactivated from non-renewed status

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (15)**

1. Sudipa Das
2. Susan Thomas
3. David Henry
4. Amber West
5. Shane Gutsie
6. Michael Hammond
7. Kelsey Green
8. Barry Jones, III
9. William Miciche
10. Peter Unoreign
11. Shelby Mantello
12. Trevor Maclosky
13. Marissa Mumbulo
14. Ali Hootkany
15. Garrett Tignall

**In-Training Certificates Issued (6)**

1. Hannah Leiberg
2. Lauren Couch
3. Amber West
4. Susan Thomas
5. Catherine Hefferin
6. Austin Folkman

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

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

1. Franklin Griffins – Did not meet the course and lab requirements.
2. Akalu Hambisa – Did not meet the Degree requirement.

At 12:00 P.M., Ann Rose made a motion to close the Open Session and enter into the Administrative Session to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter. Naomi Howell provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed – Vote – 5



Bert Nixon  
Board Chair



Ann Rose  
Board Secretary

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