



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

FEBRUARY 5, 2020 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

Approval of Agenda

ITEM 1 **1(a).** The Agenda was reviewed. Jasen Lau motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Erin Kelly provided a 2nd to the Motion.
Motion passed. Vote - 5

ITEM 2 **Approval of Minutes**
1(a). The Open Session Minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck motioned to approve the Minutes as submitted. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 5

Amy Parrish and Donald Braman arrived

ITEM 3 **Board Chair Report**
3(a). Bert Nixon re-introduced Donald Braman for the members who were absent at the December Board meeting.
3(b). Bert Nixon discussed with the Board the recent passing of Robert Sheesley, prior Board Member and Chair. Mr. Sheesley dedicated 40+ years to the profession and was an asset to the profession.
3(c). The Board reviewed a draft response letter to Mr. Kenny Welch, Montgomery County Health Department, who inquired if a licensed Environmental Health Specialist is required under Article 21 of the Maryland Code to perform all group home and sanitation inspections within Montgomery County. The draft was accepted with

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revision to seek clarification with Montgomery County Counsel. Amy Parrish made a motion to accept the draft with revision. Alan Heck provided the 2nd. Motion passed. Vote - 7

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report

4(a) Maryland.gov email addresses – Any member having trouble creating their maryland.gov email address should contact the Maryland help desk for assistance.

4(b). To date, there are 41 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 – 548
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 91
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 184

4(e). License renewal applications: to alleviate the large amount of time printing and mailing renewal applications the staff is requesting that a renewal card be mailed to licensees directing the licensees to the website for the renewal application. A sample will be brought to the next Board meeting for review.

ITEM 5 Credentialing:

5(a). The December 10, 2019 NEHA exam had 17 candidates take the exam. 9 candidates passed the exam. The names of the candidates who passed are listed below:

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| 1. Keith Dolan | 6. Christopher Shingleton |
| 2. Shane Evans | 7. Joseph Spangler |
| 3. Shayne Linzy | 8. Angela Spaniol |
| 4. Anthony Pennington | 9. Maily Aviles Ramirez |
| 5. Brian Phipps | |

ITEM 6 Legislative/Regulations

James Merrow announced that he had found two sponsors for funding to be changed from Special to General funds.

Bert Nixon relayed that he had attended a meeting in January with the Secretary's Office and informed that they are only capable of completing a limited number of regulations for review within the legislative timeframe.

ITEM 7 Work Force Work Group

No report.

ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee

8(a). The Board received continuing education training that was submitted over 90 days from the date of completion. Jasen Lau made a motion for no waivers of the 90-day timeframe. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 6 approve with 1 abstention

8(b). The Board ratified the Continuing Education Committee's approval of the following training requests since the December 4, 2019 Board Meeting:

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1. Mandatory Fire and Environmental Safety Training for Residential Specialists (3.75)
2. A Toxic Legacy: Confronting Lead Poisoning in Baltimore (1)
3. Introduction to Incident Command System ICS 100 (2)
4. An Introduction to the National Incident Management System IS-00700.b (3.5)
5. Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions (4)
6. Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response IS-00200.c (4)
7. National Response Framework, An Introduction IS-00800.c (3)
8. Fundamentals of Energy Management IS-00230.d (6)
9. Listeria Controls at Retail: Nationwide Surveillance Results NEHA (1)
10. Food Safety – A Public-Private Collaboration to Curtail the Spread of Norovirus NEHA (1)
11. Emergency Preparedness – Hurricanes, Healthcare and H2O: Water Related Challenges Caused by Hurricanes in 2017 NEHA (1.5)
12. Food Safety – Whole Genome Sequencing – Opening the Cold Case Files of Foodborne Investigations NEHA (1)
13. Emergency Preparedness – Environmental Health and Wildfires – The California Experience NEHA (1.5)
14. General Environmental Health – Body Art: Recognizing Facts and Debunking Common Misbeliefs in the Body Art Industry NEHA (1.5)
15. Food Safety – New Guidance and Resources on Cannabis and Food Safety NEHA (.5)
16. Emerging Issues of Wild Forged Mushrooms as an Approved Source NEHA (1.5)
17. An Introduction to Food Security Awareness (FD251 Ver 1.0) (1)
18. Site Evaluation for Onsite Disposal Systems MOWPA (13)
19. Western Maryland GIS User Group – Fall Meeting (3)
20. Food Microbiological Control 1: Overview of Microbiology (MCI01 Ver 1.1) (1)
21. Basics of Inspections: Issues and Observations (FDA39 Ver1.2) (2)
22. Disinfection Byproducts (DBP's) (1.5)
23. Water Quality Changes (1.5)
24. Understanding of Risk Management Plan and Process System Management (1.5)
25. Science For Disasters (24)
26. Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) (1.5)
27. 25th Annual Maryland Water Monitoring Council Conference (5.5)
28. Navigating a Foodborne Outbreak (2)
29. Radon and Reproductive Health (1)
30. Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) (1.5)
31. Navigating a Foodborne Outbreak (2)
32. 25th Annual Maryland Water Monitoring Council Conference (5.5)
33. Is My Water Safe to Drink? – Common Questions about Private Wells (1.5)
34. Soils (7)
35. Operation and Maintenance of Innovative Alternative Systems (7)
36. MOWPA Operation and Maintenance Service Provider Course (9)
37. Clearing the FOG on Gravity Grease Interceptor (2)
38. Funding Opportunities through EPA's Drinking Water Program (1)
39. Risk Assessments, Emergency Response and Resiliency (1)

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40. International Decontamination Research and Development Conference (15.5)
41. Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities – EPHOC (3)
42. Tidewater Environmental Health Association Annual Meeting (12-6-19) (4)
43. FDA Establishment Inspection Report Writing (FDA26 Ver 1.2) (1)
44. Food Microbiological Control 10: Aseptic Sampling (MIC13 Ver 2.2) (2)
45. Food Microbiological Control 9: Natural Toxins (MIC12 Ver 1.1) (2)
46. Food Microbiological Control 8: Technology-based Food Processes (MIC11 Ver 1.1) (2)
47. Wastewater Workshop (4)
48. Aquatic Venue Training (5.5)
49. 2019 WAHC Seminars and Environmental Health Leader’s Symposium (12.5)
50. ENV-531 Air Quality Management (5)
51. Pretreatment 101 Training (12.5)
52. 1-Day Lead Risk Assessor Refresher (7.5)
53. Preventative Controls for Human Regulators FD254 (63)
54. MDE Directors Meeting (January 7, 2020) (2)
55. Onsite Systems Inspections – Practices & Procedures (2/12/20) (7)
56. 1-Day EPA Asbestos Supervisor Refresher (6.75)
57. Advancing Food Safety in Schools (.5)
58. Bedbugs in Elderly and Disabled, Low-Income Housing Getting Real (1)
59. Bedbugs: What Are the Health Risks? (1)
60. Combatting Norovirus in Schools (.5)
61. Dangerous Underwater Breath-Holding Behavior-Related Drownings in NY, 1988-2011 (1)
62. Environmental Health Specialists: Fishing for Fleas (1)
63. Expanding Swimming Pool Education Outreach (1)
64. First Confirmed Case of Imported Zika Virus in Houston, Texas: Preventing Transmission (1)
65. Floatation Systems in the State of Washington (1)
66. Food Safety and Reducing Food Waste in Schools (.5)
67. Got Bugs? Get Sued! (1)
68. Here They Come: New Diseases Caused by Familiar Bugs (1)
69. Lifeguarding and the Model Aquatic Health Code (1)
70. Network for Aquatic Facility Inspection Surveillance Data on Immediate Closures and Violations: Unlocking the Potential Power of Aquatic Inspection Data (1)
71. Opportunities for Preventing Mass Chlorine Exposures at Recreational Swimming Pools (1)
72. Reducing Drownings through Epidemiology and Interventions (1)
73. Swimming Pool Technologies: Are These the Answer? (1)
74. Understanding & Applying Lifeguard/Bather Supervision and Operational Entries in the MAHC (1)
75. Best Available Technologies (BAT) Installer Certification (March 4, 2020) (4)
76. Vectors of Disease in Disasters (4)
77. Potable Water – EPHOC (6)
78. Environmental Epidemiology (6)

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79. Basic Food Law for State Regulators (1)
80. Food Microbiological Control 11: Good Manufacturing Practices (MIC14 Ver 1.1) (2)
81. Food Microbiological Control 12: Cleaning and Santizing (MIC15 Ver 1.1) (2)
82. National Capital Area Environmental Health Association Winter Educational Conference (4.5)
83. Controlling Occupational Exposures to Respirable Crystalline Silica (2)
84. Surface Limits: How are They Derived and How Should They be Used in Industrial Hygiene Practice? (2)

ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued (10)

1. Johnny Rossy III (NEHA Person VUE 12/9/19)
2. Shayne Linzy (12/10/19 exam)
3. Maily Aviles Ramirez (12/10/19 exam)
4. Christopher Shingleton (12/10/19 exam)
5. Joseph Spangler (12/10/19 exam)
6. Angela Spaniol (12/10/19 exam)
7. Brian Phipps (12/10/19 exam)
8. Keith Nolan 12/10/19 exam)
9. Shane Evans (12/10/19 exam)
10. Anthony Pennington (12/10/19 exam)

License Reactivation (1)

1. Jeffrey Pilson – Reactivated from Non-Renewed Status

Certificate of Eligibility Issued (17)

1. Emmanuel Ehizibolo
2. James Weixel
3. Angelese Davis
4. Chibuike Oparaugo
5. Therin Scott
6. Emmanuel Diyoke
7. Ariana La Grenade-Fince
8. Mohammad Alserhead
9. Adam Lanphear
10. Nakeisha Seymore
11. Garrick Starks
12. Bethany Liberto
13. Wendpanga Bonkougou
14. Curtis Williams
15. Venkat Tadepalli
16. Luis Chevez
17. Dominique Jones

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Extended Certificates of Eligibility (2)

1. Adam Ohl (1st extension)
2. Kerri Springer (1st extension)

In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

1. Joshua Smith
2. Jabrielle Howard
3. Hannah Lux
4. Patricia Deavers
5. James Weixel
6. Miciche William

Reissuance of Board Approved In-Training Certificate – Reduction (1)

1. Anthony Robnett (12/4/19 Board Approved)

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

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

1. Charles Stillion (Did not meet required coursework)
2. Andrew Oliver (Did not meet the required coursework and lab requirement)

At 12:00 p.m., at the same location as the open meeting, Jasen Lau made a motion to close Open Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) to review the Closed Session Minutes from the December 4, 2019 Board Meeting, which are prohibited from public disclosure by State law. The motion was seconded by Donald Braman. Motion passed unanimously. Vote-7. The same Board members who were present during the Open Session were present during the Closed Session. The only topic discussed was Closed Session minutes, which were approved as submitted by the Board.

At 12:05 p.m., Alan Heck made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and enter into administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Jasen Lau. Motion passed – Vote 7. The administrative session ended at 12:31 p.m.



Bert Nixon
Board Chair



Ann Rose
Board Secretary

Date: June 3, 2020

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