



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

**June 3, 2020 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Board Members Present: The Meeting was held with Google Meets**

**Bert Nixon, Board Chair**  
**Linda Rudie, Vice Chair**  
**Amy Parrish, Private Industry**  
**Naomi Howell, Dept. of the Environment Member**  
**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**  
**Lillian Reese, Regulation Legislative Coordinator**

**Visitor(s):**

**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. Alan Heck motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Jasen Lau provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion.  
Motion passed. Vote - 8

**ITEM 2**      **Approval of Minutes**  
**1(a).** The Open Session Minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed for approval. Jasen Lau motioned to approve the Minutes with revisions. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 8

**ITEM 3**      **Board Chair Report**  
**3(a).** The Board will discuss Continuing Education Training during COVID-19 further and compare options at the next meeting. Licensees can look for online training.

**ITEM 4**      **Executive Director Report**  
**4(a)** Recognition of Board Chair Bert Nixon's term end. Members were informed that Bert will be receiving Certificates from the Governor and the Secretary of the Department. A plaque will also be presented to Bert from the Board.  
**4(b).** Election of Officers.  
Linda Rudie was nominated for the Board Chair; the vote was unanimous.  
Alan Heck was nominated for the Vice Chair; the vote was unanimous.  
Ann Rose was nominated for the Board Secretary; the vote was unanimous.

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**4(c).** Two eligible exam candidate lists were provided to the Board. Due to COVID-19, the Board has been in constant communication with NEHA on the availability of the exam locations.

**4(d).** At the request of NEHA, the Board sent a blast email to all licensees to Participate in a survey to assist NEHA with exam enhancement.

**4(e).** The recorded licensees at the June 3, 2020 Board meeting who met their continuing education requirement for the 2021 license renewal was 59.

**4(f).** Stats from the licensing database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 552
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 96
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 201

**ITEM 5      Credentialing:**

**5(a).** The Board received a request from a 24 month in-training certificate holder to reduce the in-training period to 12 months. The Board reviewed the letters submitted from the employee and supervisor. Linda Rudie made a motion to reduce the in-training period to 12 months. Erin Kelly provided a second. Motion passed. Vote-8

**ITEM 6      Legislative/Regulations**

James Merrow reported the House Bill and the Senate Bill for funding had passed however due to COVID-19 the Session closed early. The Board will need to begin fresh next session.

**ITEM 7      Work Force Work Group**

No report.

**ITEM 8      Continuing Education Committee**

**8(a).** A licensee had requested a waiver of the COMAR provision requiring submission of training be submitted to the Board within 90 days of taking a training. The Board may discuss further at the August meeting.

**8(b).** The Board ratified the Continuing Education Committee's approval of the following training requests at the June 3, 2020 Board Meeting:

1. Proactive Food Safety Using Managerial Controls (1)
2. Sand Mound Installer Certification Training (4/14/20) (6)
3. Interstate Pest Management Conference 2020 (6.5)
4. In-House Radiation Safety Training (2)
5. Chronic Disease & Prevention Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention - Documentary Movie MISLEAD & Open Discussion (2)
6. SWANA Keystone Chapter Annual Conference (8)
7. An Introduction to the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (FDA56 Ver 1.1) (1.1)
8. Onsite Wastewater Mega-Conference (19.5)
9. Legionella Management and Treatment (1)
10. Clean Summit Part 2: Surface Cleaning & Sanitizing (1)

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11. Food Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Application and Evidence Development FD 190 (34)
12. 4-Hour Workshop: Private Well Assessment and Outreach for EHP's (4)
13. 2020 Pest Management Conference (6)
14. Organic Solvents and Reproductive Health (1)
15. Food Processing and Technology (34)
16. Water Reuse for Agriculture: What Growers Need to Know Workshop. (3.5)
17. Maryland Delaware Water Well Association Annual Conference (Various Credits for attended break-out sessions)
18. 1-Day EPA Asbestos INSP/MGMT Planner Refresher (8)
19. Delaware Wetlands Conference (12)
20. Drinking Water Tools for Small Systems (1)
21. Mid-Atlantic Tic Summit IX (3.75)
22. Pandemic Influenza and Workplace Preparedness (5.5)
23. Research to Support and Implement Recreational Water Quality Criteria (1)
24. Traceback Investigations ER220 (27)
25. Vaccine Storage & Handling: A Focus on Temperature Excursions (1)
26. 9th Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance Meeting & 6th Governmental Food and Feed Laboratory Accreditation Meeting (17.5)
27. Climate and Health – NEHA calls for Climate Change to be a National Priority AEC 2019 (.5)
28. Food Safety – Cannabis and Food Safety: The Latest News and Emerging Issues (1)
29. Food Safety – Evaluating, Controlling and Preventing the Presence of Listeria Monocytogenes in Food Production (1)
30. Emergency Preparedness – Fentanyl Contamination, Exposure, Detection, Risk and Decontamination (1)
31. General Environmental Health – How State Level Policy Can Address Emerging Environmental Health Issues (1.5)
32. General Environmental Health – Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS); Opportunities and Challenges (1)
33. Special Population – An Environmental Crimes Task Force: A Partnership to Solve Environmental Issues (.5)
34. Water – A Data-Driven and Interdisciplinary Approach to Protect the Health of Private Well User (1)
35. Water – Evaluating the Use of In-situ Immobilization Sorbents to Minimize Drinking Water Contamination Resulting from PFAS Contaminated Soils (.5)
36. Pool Inspection Training for Environmental Health Professionals (8)
37. Water – Effective Online and Offline Strategies to Engage Private Well Owners (1.5)
38. Water – Hexavalent Chromium in San Bernardino County: The Impact of the Maximum Contaminant Level Invalidation to Small Public Water Systems (1)
39. Water – Improving Systems and Regulations to Protect Public Health: Identifying Ways to Move Forward Together (1)
40. Water – Private Well Testing Trends Across the United States (1)

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41. Water - Water Quality in Minneapolis Transient Non-Community Water System Well Sampling Beyond Regulatory Requirements to be Protective of Human Health (1)
42. Food Safety – NCEH Session 3 – Environmental Health Data that Informs Foodborne Illness Outbreak Prevention: CDC’s National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) (1)
43. Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 2 – Critical Contributions: Cases Studies on Environmental Health and Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigations (1.5)
44. Food Safety – Regulatory Testing of Cannabis: A Public Health Perspective (1)
45. Food Safety – Variation of Consumer and Retail Level Food Product Recalls Across Regions in the United States between 2017 and 2018 .5
46. Groundwater and Well Construction 101 (1.5)

**ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (3)**

1. Seth Robbins (NEHA direct exam)
2. Alison Towsley (21-306 Waiver of Examination of person in other states)
3. Gena McKahan (21-306 Waiver of Examination of person in other states)

**License Reactivation (1)**

1. Charles McEleney (Reactivated from Inactive Status)

**Certificate of Eligibility Issued (26)**

1. Ryan Harris
2. Solan Yadata
3. Themistoklis Arvanitidis
4. Rashard Tuggle
5. Chad Baisden
6. Efia Taylor
7. Sarah Stevanus
8. River Souder
9. Andrew Oliver
10. Shannon Carr
11. Alexander Tweardy
12. Ebony Jenkins
13. Charles Stillion
14. Molar Victor-MacCarthy
15. Dana McNair
16. Jane George
17. Danielle Huston Hakey
18. Ellyn Collins
19. Danamae Scarborough
20. Olivia Skeen
21. Timothy Carney
22. D’Andre Edwards-Gray
23. Colenthia Malloy

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24. Sitota Baro
25. John Barnes
26. Chelesa Marinelli

**Extended Certificates of Eligibility (1)**

1. Hercheallee Brown (1<sup>st</sup> extension)

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

1. Wendpanga Bonkougou
2. Christina Rohland
3. Marissa Mumbulo
4. Adam Lanphear
5. Ryan Harris
6. Bethany Liberto

**Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (1)**

1. William Reusing, Jr.

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

At 11:35 a.m., Naomi Howell made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and enter into administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Erin Kelly. Motion passed – Vote 8.



Linda Rudie  
Board Chair



Ann Rose  
Board Secretary

**Date: August 5, 2020**

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