

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

#### DECEMBER 21, 2021 BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

**Board Members Present:** 

Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member Ann Rose, At Large Member Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member (Exited the meeting at 2:50 p.m.) Jasen Lau, Consumer Member

Absent:

Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member (Exited the meeting at 2:04 p.m.) Erin Kelly, Local Government Member Lewis Brown, Consumer Member (Exited the meeting at 2:15 p.m.)

Staff: Bert Nixon, Executive Director Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel

Visitor:

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair.

**AGENDA** The Agenda for the December 21, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Alan Heck made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the update for Garth Jones and the addition of reviewing the application for Matthew Boyle. Ann Rose provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. The motion passed. 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

# ITEM 1 Board Chair Report

#### **ITEM 2 Executive Director Report.**

2(a). The MDH Security incident has created limitations to what the staff can accomplish. A laptop with a Hotspot has been obtained and the staff is working with IT to learn a workaround for completing certain tasks.

2(b). Status of entering continuing education credits into the database – Just prior to the security breach, Bert had been prioritizing the list of licensees who did not meet the CEU requirement to assist Donna with the entering.

**2(c).** Cradle of Hope – Posting of a statement on the Board's Webpage regarding Cradle of Hope and PIA Requests.

# Minutes from the Open Session December 21, 2021 Board Meeting

#### ITEM 3 Credentialing

**3(a).** The Board received a request from an in-training certificate holder with a letter from their supervisor requesting an extension of the in-training certificate. Alan Heck made a Motion to extend the in-training certificate for a one time 6-month extension. Ann Rose provided a  $2^{nd}$  to the Motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

At 2:40 p.m. Alan Heck made a Motion to close the open session. Jasen Lau provided a  $2^{nd}$  to the Motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

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