



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

December 6, 2023 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Matthew Cumers, Board Chair, Local Health Department Member
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member (Joined at 10:08 a.m.)
Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member
Sherry Williams, Department of Health
Mia Lowery, Local Government
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member

Staff and Visitors:

Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel
James Merrow, Executive Director
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Kimberly Link, MDH
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Zakiyyah Holms, MDH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Matthew Cumers, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda was reviewed. Naomi Howell provided a motion to adopt the Agenda as submitted. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes

1(a). The October 4, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Naomi Howell made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

1(b). The November 2, 2023 Open Session Minutes were reviewed. Naomi Howell made a motion to adopt the minutes as submitted. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

2(a). A virtual recorded meeting will take place in April with the Board staff and Environmental Health Directors. This informative meeting will cover the requirement of the applicant to receive a Certificate of Eligibility and then the process, after hire, with the issuance of the In-Training Certificate up until exam eligibility for licensure.

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ITEM 3 Legislative/Regulations Committee

3(a). The Regulations 10.60.01 and 10.60.02.03 are to be signed by the Secretary. The Department will sponsor the Board’s legislation enabling apprentices to practice.

ITEM 4 Board Staff Report

4(a). Board members with a term expiring June 30, 2024 were informed they are eligible to reappointment.

4(b). Statistics from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 474
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 128
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 212

The active certificates of eligibility will need to be verified, as some of the certificates have expired. Board staff will request a list from IT and enter expired certificates into the database, which will change the total number currently provided from the database.

4(c). Number of Exam passing scores since the prior meeting – 7

4(d). Number of failing scores since the prior meeting – 2

ITEM 5 Credentialing

No requests or issues at this meeting.

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group

No update or report.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

Course Title	Approved Credits
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7(a). Below are the approved training courses that were reviewed and approved at the December 6, 2023 Board meeting. Naomi Howell made a motion to approve the training courses. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. Vote 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Course Title	Approved Credits
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1. AEC 2019: Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – When There is a Will, There is a Way: Evolution of Ebola Outbreak Response - 1
2. AEC 2019: Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Building Capacity in Local Vector Control Programs - 1
3. AEC 2019: Food Safety – Variation of Consumer and Retail Level Food Product Recalls Across Regions in the United States between 2017 and 2018 - 1
4. AEC 2019: Food Safety – Regulatory Testing of Cannabis: A Public Perspective – 1
5. AEC 2019: Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 3 – Environmental Health Data that Informs Foodborne Illness Outbreak Prevention: CDC’s National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) - 1
6. AEC 2019: Food Safety – Food Freedom vs. Food Safety: AB 626 California’s Newest Law -1

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7. AEC 2019: Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 1 – Improving Restaurant Food Safety Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Practiced-Based Research – 1
8. Is My Water Safe to Drink? - 2
9. Conducting Assessments Using the Expanded Onsite/Decentralized Assessment Tool – 1.5
10. AEC 2018: Food Safety – Listeria Controls at Retail: Nationwide Surveillance Results – 1
11. Private Water System Protection and Treatment – 1
12. Here They Come: New Diseases Caused By Familiar Bugs -1
13. NEHA 2023 AEC Aquatic Venue Public Health Inspector – 22.5
14. Plumbing Controls for Commercial Food Establishments – 1.5
15. What Real Estate Professionals Need to Know about Homes with Well Water – 2
16. An Introduction To The National Incident Management System – 4
17. National Response Framework, An Introduction – 3
18. NEHA 2023 AEC – 26
19. The Private Well Course – Section 7 - 1
20. The Private Well Course – Section 8 – 1
21. The Private Well Course – Section 9 – 1
22. The Private Well Course – Section 10 – 1
23. Radon Resistant New Construction – 10
24. Toxicological Outbreak Investigation – 3
25. Advanced Chemistry and Its Impact on Disinfection – 1
26. Reducing Drownings Through Epidemiology and Interventions – 1
27. Understanding & Applying Lifeguard/Bather Supervision and Operational Entries in the MAHC – 1
28. MOWPA 2023 Conference – 5.9
29. 2023 Annual Educational Conference/Interstate Environmental Health Seminar – 11.75
30. Tools for Helping State and Municipal Decision-Makers Meet Air Quality, Climate and Energy Objectives: GLIMPSE and COMET – 1
31. Swimming Pool Technologies: Are These the Answer? -1
32. Introducing Aquatic Inspector: A CDC iPad App to Streamline Pool Inspections – 1
33. Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities – 3
34. Water Sampling Certification – 3
35. Conducting Assessments Using the Expanded Onsite/Decentralized Assessment Tool – 1.5
36. FD202 Conducting Acidified Food Inspections – 32
37. CC8023W: Biosecurity – 2
38. AEC 2021 – Emerging Topics, Special Populations: Collaborating to Bring COVID-19 Resources to Early Care and Education -1
39. New Lethal Ovitrap and Larvicidal Tiles for Control of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus – 1
40. Scratch That Itch: Exterminating Bedbugs through Partnerships with Private Enterprise – 1
41. First Confirmed Case of Imported Zika Virus in Huston, Texas: Preventing Transmission – 1

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42. New Research Insights: New Pests Their Emerging Diseases and Climate Change – 1
43. Expanding Swimming Pool Educational Outreach – 1
44. AEC 2021 – Climate and Health: Adaptation Nation: Health Departments Across the US Prepare for Health Threats of Climate Effects – 1
45. AEC 2018: Workforce and Leadership – Environmental Health – Australian Style - .5
46. AEC 2021 – Climate and Health: American Climate Metrics Survey: Results of Four-Year Data on Attitudes, Awareness, and Behaviors on Climate Change in Partnership with ecoAmerica – 1
47. AEC 2019: Water – Hexavalent Chromium in San Bernardino County: The Impact of the Maximum Containment Level Invalidation to Small Public Water Systems – 1
48. Don't Panic! Helping Social Service Providers Cope with Bed Bugs – 1
49. AEC 2018: Water – PFOS/PFOA Contamination is a Problem and NSF's P473 May be a Solution - .5
50. Groundwater and Well Construction 101 – 2
51. FDA Retail Food Protection Seminar – 18.75
52. Food Safety Culture in the New Era of Smarter Food Safety: Quarterly Webinar Series #8: Facing Food Safety Challenges Through Culture & Adaptability – 1
53. Wildfire Impacts on Drinking Water – 1
54. Cybersecurity – 1
55. Per-332 Population Monitoring at Community Reception Centers – 7
56. FD253W100: Introduction to Preventive Controls for Human Food Regulators – 2
57. Historical Overview of Public Health - 2

ITEM 8 Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (6)

1. Jan Jamnal (Board Approved Work Experience)
2. Kane Stoner (8-18-23 exam)
3. Lillian Pletcher (9-29-23 exam)
4. Lance Youngfellow (10-23-23 exam)
5. Rebecca Elliott (10-29-23 exam)
6. Rita Bastola (9-22-23 exam)

8(b). License Reactivation (0)

8(c). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (14)

1. Anthony Troup
2. Bethany Otwell
3. Matthew Brewton
4. Katie Outten
5. Nadia Kendall Diaz

6. Jesse Johnson

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7. Joshua Miller
8. Asia Simms
9. Andy Fanfan
10. Ashley Barnes (extended Certificate)
11. Dereje Asmare
12. Zachary Dunheimer
13. John Sollenberger
14. Jonathan Evans

8(d). In-Training Certificates Issued (8)

1. Calli Chartrand
2. Jacqueline Lockwood
3. Donna Simmons
4. Naya Wagner
5. Joshua Miller
6. Mark Denoncourt
7. David Ondande
8. Ed Roache

8(e). Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (0)

At 10:35 a.m. Matthew Cumers read the Presiding Officer's Statement for closing a meeting under the Open Meetings Act. Naomi Howell made a motion to close the Open Session. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Closed Session Summary

Closed session was held from 10:38 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. on a closed session conference call line. The same Board members present for the open session were present for the closed session. The authority for the closed session was Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(13) in order to review the Closed Session Minutes from the October 4, 2023 meeting. During the closed session, the Board voted to approve its closed session minutes.



Matthew Cumers,
Board Chair



James Merrow
Executive Director

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