



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

**JUNE 5, 2024 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Meeting Held via Google Meet**

**Board Members Present:**

**Matthew Cumers, Board Chair, Local Health Department Member**  
**Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry**  
**Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member**  
**Sherry Williams, Department of Health**  
**Mia Lowery, Local Government**  
**Bonnie Harbin, At Large**  
**Sarath Seneviratne, At Large (Joined at 10:18 a.m.)**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member**  
**Lewis Brown, Consumer Member**

**Staff and Visitors:**

**Rhonda Edwards, Deputy Counsel**  
**James Merrow, Executive Director**  
**Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**  
**Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator**  
**Zakiyyah Holms, MDH**  
**Kim Link, MDH**  
**Troy Pumphrey, Board Investigator (Joined at 10:18 a.m.)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Matthew Cumers, Board Chair.

**AGENDA** The Agenda was reviewed. There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda. Kevin Barnaba made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 1 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**1(a).** The April 3, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Kevin Barnaba provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**ITEM 2 Board Chair Report**

**2(a).** Regulations need to be created to support SB222. Matthew will schedule the regulation review meeting. Cliff Mitchell should be included in the regulation review meeting.

**ITEM 3 Legislative/Regulations Committee**

**ITEM 4 Executive Director Report**

**4(a).** Anthony (Tony) McCaffity has been hired to the Board's Investigative team. Jim will create a report for future investigations.

**4(b).** 107 licensees have renewed online.

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**4(c).** The Board provided an online conference on April 5, 2024 to update the licensees on new procedures for online renewal and other changes affecting licensees. Licensees were given 1.5 hours of continuing education for attending the conference. The Board posted a video of the conference on its website as informational content. Licensees who did not attend the conference are requesting that ceu credit be given for watching the conference on the website. Bonnie Harbin made a motion not to approve ceu's after the scheduled training date. Sherry Williams provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

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

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 493
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 141
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 222 (this number is expected to change the Board staff is still working on expired applications)

**4(e).** Number of Exam passing scores since the prior meeting – 2

**4(f).** Number of failing scores since the prior meeting – 3

**ITEM 5      Credentialing**

**5(a).** Ashlyn Dishman requested that the Board place her In-Training Certificate on Inactive Status, she had taken another position that does not require licensure but may elect to complete her in-training period. Kevin Barnaba made a motion to allow the in-training certificate to be placed on inactive status with the inactive status period not to go past the current expiration date of the in-training certificate. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 6      Work Force Work Group**

No report.

**ITEM 7      Continuing Education Committee**

The Board's staff keeps the Board's Approved Sponsor list updated and posted.

**ITEM 8      Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:**

**8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (3)**

1. Adam Fetterman (3-18-24 exam)
2. Inga Ali (3-11-24 exam)
3. Savanna Petry (3-29-24 exam)

**8(b). License Reactivation (0)**

**8(c). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (17)**

1. Matthew Burns
2. Everette McDuffie
3. Michael McCormick
4. Kara Richter
5. Mickinsey Horten
6. Nicholas Papavasliou
7. Rebecca Parry
8. Chelsea Anderson

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9. Michaelle Bellis
10. Megan Laffoon
11. Vincent Ewa
12. Michael Phillips
13. Florence Chukwurah
14. Khamis Farag
15. Segni Barkesa
16. Elis Ganzer
17. Timothy Walton

**8(d). In-Training Certificates Issued (11)**

1. Brittany Nelson
2. McKinsey Horton
3. Zachary Dunheimer
4. Katherine Lamb
5. Isabella Davis
6. Evan Griffin
7. Kqreem Robinson
8. Michalea Bellis
9. Rebecca Parry
10. Everett McDuffie
11. Michael McCormick

**8(e). Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (1)**

1. William Reusing, Jr.

At 10:30 a.m. Matthew Cumers read the Presiding Officers statement to move into the Closed Session meeting.

Bonnie Harbin made a motion to close the Open Session and move into the Closed Session. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. Vote 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Meeting adjourned 10:35 a.m.



Matthew Cumers,  
Board Chair



James Merrow  
Executive Director

Date: August 7, 2024

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