



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

**OCTOBER 1, 2025 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**Meeting Held via Google Meet**

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**Board Members Present:**

**Sherry Williams, Board Chair, Department of Health**  
**Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry**  
**Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member**  
**John Boris, Department of the Environment Member**  
**Mia Lowery, Local Government**  
**Bonnie Harbin, At Large**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Esther Peter, Consumer Member**  
**Sarath Seneviratne, At Large**

**Staff and Visitors:**

**Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel**  
**Leigh Broderick, Executive Director**  
**Leslie Johnson, Administrative Officer**  
**Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator**  
**Zakiyyah Holmes, (MDH)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA** Leigh Broderick gave notice for the next meeting to discuss the validity of courses when reviewing transcripts and creating an ad hoc committee to help. John Boris made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kevin Barnaba provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 1 Legislative/Regulations**

**1(a).** At the August 6, 2025 meeting, it was noted that another member is needed to join the legislation and regulations committee since Noni is no longer on the Board. John Boris is considering joining the committee. The discussion was tabled until our next Board meeting.

**ITEM 2 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**2(a).** The August 6, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. John Boris provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**2(b).** On September 3, 2025, Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator, informed the Board the Governor's office approved the Board's proposed apprenticeship regulations and that they went to the AELR (Administrative Executive and Legislative Review) Committee for their 15-day review. Lillian informed the Board on Monday that the AELR review was completed. The regulations are on target to be posted in the Maryland Register on October 31, 2025. The comment period will end on December 1, 2025.

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**ITEM 3**      **Board Chair Report**      **Sherry Williams**  
No report

**ITEM 4**      **Executive Director Report**      **Leigh Broderick**

**4(a).** Leigh informed Board of the website updates. A general email address has been added along with a post alerting people to update us about any contact information changes. The PIA information sheet has been updated as well. The LEHS application information sheet has been updated. This sheet provides information regarding all requirements for licensure as an LEHS.

**4(b).** An individual has expressed an interest in the health department vacancy and has submitted an application. The Board is waiting for a response from Annapolis regarding the status. The Board does not have a candidate who was willing; however, he was on another committee and was not allowed to serve on two committees at one time.

**4(c).** A meeting was held regarding the apprenticeship programs with MDH. Another meeting is scheduled with some other individuals with the State who will have some input. Updates will be provided.

**4(d).** Leigh is putting together an information sheet to use when reviewing an applicant's transcript. This sheet will give the person a broader understanding of what courses will be accepted. Once a final draft has been completed it will be presented to the Board for review. Board Counsel advised that any clarification of what the law requires, such as what courses might meet certain categories, would best be done via regulation, because clarifications that would apply generally across the board moving forward would meet the definition of regulation and it is something that should be put into the regulations.

**ITEM 5**      **Credentialing**

No reviews for this meeting.

**ITEM 6**      **Work Force Work Group**      **Bonnie Harbin, Mia Lowery and John Boris**

No Report

**ITEM 7**      **Continuing Education**      **Bonnie Harbin and Mia Lowery**  
No Report.

**ITEM 8**      **Statistics from the licensing database and Exam Information:**

**8(a).**

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 15
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 510
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 76
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 119
5. Number of Exam passing scores since the October 1, 2025 meeting - 4
6. Number of failing scores since the October 1, 2025 meeting - 2
7. Initial Licenses Issued (7)

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**8(b). Initial Licenses Issued (7)**

1. Benjamin Donofrio
2. Nicholas Palumbo
3. Jacqueline Lockwood
4. Lucy Keates
5. Peter Kim
6. Stephen Davies
7. Michael McCormick

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

**8(d). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (29)**

1. Nico Hernandez-Maitre	11. Emily Speireman	21. Luminita Petre
2. Jacob Sauber	12. Sean Kelly	22. Ivan Ingram
3. Karyssa Gortz	13. Kerri Springer	23. Mawuli Kponmassi
4. Grace Hartman	14. Brandon Williams	24. Nathan Rauscher
5. Victor Nwinez	15. Kayla Robinson	25. Laura Vandemark
6. Daniel Sincell	16. Nathaniel Brooks	26. Kourtney Press
7. Joseph Padula	17. Daniela Relf	27. Michael Tkach
8. Brendan McDermott	18. Deanna Hammel	28. Omodele Adomako
9. Richard Parsons	19. Irina Elkhoury	29. Ingrid White
10. Kaio Satomi-Defoe	20. Jenna Sivic	

**8(e). In-Training Certificates Issued (5)**

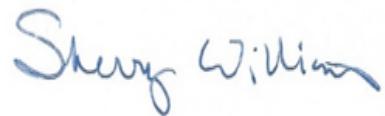
1. Mohammad Ghuman
2. Civian Osei
3. Oluwadamilola Ogunkola
4. Maya Fulton
5. Peiri Dade

At 10:23 a.m. Board Chair, Sherry Williams, read the written statement to close the Open Session and enter the Closed Session. Kevin Boris made a motion to close the Open Session. Mia Lowery provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**Closed Session Summary**

Closed session was held from 10:23 a.m. to 10:27 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 discuss an applicant's positive criminal history that is prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333. The Board voted to grant the applicant a certificate of eligibility.

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Sherry Williams,  
Board Chair

Date: December 3, 2025



Leigh Broderick,  
Executive Director

Date: December 3, 2025