



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

FEBRUARY 5, 2025 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Sherry Williams, Department of Health
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member
Mia Lowery, Local Government
Bonnie Harbin, At Large
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large
Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry
Esther Peter, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member

Staff and Visitors:

Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel
James Merrow, Executive Director
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Zakiyyah Holms, MDH
Ryan Hayward, Worcester County
Tiruenh Hawaz, Worcester County

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Sherry Williams, Board Chair. Board Chair welcomed Esther Peter, Consumer Member to the Board. Sherry Williams made an amendment to the Agenda item 5(a) under Credentialing for a request to extend an In-Training Certificate.

AGENDA Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Kevin Barnaba 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 December 4, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Kevin Barnaba provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

No Report.

ITEM 3 Legislative/Regulations Committee

James Merrow sent a draft of the proposed regulations for the apprenticeship program to the Legislative/Regulations Committee for comments. A meeting will be scheduled for the Committee to meet and review the drafted regulations.

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report

4(a). The Continuing Education audit has been completed all licensees in the random audit have met the requirement.

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4(b). The selection for hiring additional staff has been made. Leslie Johnson, Administrative Officer II, has a target date to begin on February 19, 2025. The plan is to cross train Ms. Johnson with the duties performed by the Board staff.

4(c). The 1st batch of scanning into DocuXplorer has been received from DocuXplorer. It Has been reviewed and approved.

4(d). IT has been directed to begin the process for online applications and electronic payment for the application to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility. The target date may be in April.

4(e). Board Chair mentioned meeting in person. James Merrow advised that it will be up to the Board to continue with virtual meetings or meet every other month or once a year.

4(f). The Annual Report is in the process of being prepared and will be sent to Sherry Williams for review prior to submitting to the Governor.

ITEM 5 Credentialing

5(a). Addition to the Ageda. Tiruneh Hawaz and the supervisor, Ryan Hayward submitted letters to the Board requesting an extension of the In-Training Certificate for Tiruneh Hawaz. Bonnie Harbin made a motion to give a one time 6-month extension. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the motion. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group/Joint Apprenticeship Program

No Report.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

No Report.

ITEM 8 Statistics from the Licensing Database

- Active Seasonal Certificates – 19
- Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 499
- Active In-Training Certificates – 95
- Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 175

ITEM 9 Exams

- Number of passing scores since the December 4, 2024 meeting – 12
- Number of failing scores since the December 4, 2024 meeting – 6

ITEM 10 Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

10(a).

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 19
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 499
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 95
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 175

10(b). Number of Exam passing scores since the December 4, 2024 - 12

10(c). Number of failing scores since the December 4, 2024 Meeting - 6

10(d). Initial Licenses Issued (14)

1. Anthony Troup
2. Lendsy Alexander

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3. Henry Ollie
4. Kimberley Maier
5. Dana Cannon
6. Melaine Eshenbaugh
7. Caroline Anderson
8. Sade Gowens
9. Angela Blose
10. Asia Simms
11. David Yoon
12. Megan Bush
13. Kaylee Henson
14. Shepsura Page

10(e). License Reactivation (0)

10(f). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (15)

1. Tanner Showalter
2. Beekam Kebede Olkeba
3. Barri Sanni
4. Casey Showman
5. William Yutzy
6. Andrew Sorrento
7. Sage Craven
8. Daisha Little
9. Eleasa Williams
10. Yon'yea McCooty
11. Heather Flaherty
12. Andrea Faw
13. Julian Laude, III
14. Kyle Fall
15. Ari Shinner

10(g). In-Training Certificates Issued (7)

1. Obesa Megersa
2. Shelby Hoover
3. Delaney Mavromihalis
4. John Sollenberger
5. Richard Ash, III
6. Matthew Cullison
7. Natalia Vallejo Morales

10(h). Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (0)

Board Chair, Sherry Williams announced that the Board has no Closed or Administrative Session for this meeting. In addition, the Implicit Bias training is a one-time training for licensees.

Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to close the Open Session. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. Vote 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Meeting adjourned 10:29 a.m.


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Sherry Williams,
Board Chair

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Date: April 2, 2025

James Merrow
Executive Director

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Date: April 2, 2025