



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

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Kevin Barnaba, Board Vice Chair
John Boris, Department of the Environment Member
Mia Lowery, Local Government
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large

Board Members Absent:

Sherry Williams, Board Chair, Department of Health
Esther Peter, Consumer Member
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary

Staff and Visitors:

Leigh Broderick, Executive Director
Leslie Johnson, Deputy Director
Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel
Zakiyyah Holmes, (MDH)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M. by Kevin Barnaba, Board Vice Chair.

AGENDA Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the review and approval of the closed session minutes from our December 3, 2025 Board meeting as **1(b)**. John Boris provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes

1(a). The December 3, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Sarath provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

1(b). The December 3, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Mia made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Sarath provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Legislative/Regulations

2(a). No Report.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report

3(a). No Report.

Sherry Williams

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ITEM 4 Executive Director Report

Leigh Broderick

4(a).

- Leigh Broderick shared with the Board that he testified in Annapolis before the Senate virtually about the Sunset Bill.
- Leigh spoke about having a Legislative Committee to review bills and be available to make decisions on short notice. Board counsel gave advice about the legislative committee option with respect to Open Meetings Act requirements.
- Leigh informed the Board about transcript reviews and expressed interest in having an ad hoc committee review the guidelines he is working on.
- Leigh shared the definition of laboratory courses, which includes online/simulation.
- Leigh spoke about Board member vacancies and whether the Board would consider changing the statute to at least have two environmental health members and take away 1 at large position. Board members expressed interest. Katie suggested that since there is an interest in evaluating the composition of the Board, the Board could have a subcommittee to discuss this issue and prepare proposed language to present at the April Board meeting.
- John Boris made a motion for legislative sub-committee to evaluate Board composition. Sarah 2nd the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- **Staff Update** – Leigh informed the Board that interviews were held for Donna’s position, and a candidate has been selected. Once the selection has been verified, he will look at interviewing for another vacancy.

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

7(a) 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 -512
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 77
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 130
5. Number of Exam passing scores since the December 3, 2025 meeting - 4
6. Number of failing scores since the December 3, 2025 meeting -1

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8(b). Initial Licenses Issued (2)

1. Kelsey Owens
2. Everette McDuffie

8(c). License Reactivation (0)

8(d). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (12)

1. JorDonna Frazier
2. Grace Farrell
3. Adam Stachowiak
4. Ian Hall
5. Kenea Sumaf
6. Chukwuemeka Nwobi
7. John Janesko
8. Kelly Johanson
9. Riley Johnson
10. Logan Dashiell
11. Justice Jay
12. Eswar Chandra Pudur Vrushailapathi

8(e). In-Training Certificates Issued (4)

1. Sandra Applebaugh
2. Moriah Manyko-Winch
3. Sean Kelly
4. Deonna Cousins

At 10:36 a.m. Board Vice Chair, Kevin Barnaba adjourned the Open Session. John Boris made a motion to adjourn the Open Session. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

The Board then met in an administrative meeting from 10:39 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to apply a regulation to an issue concerning an applicant's transcript. The same Board meeting members who were on the open session meeting were on a Google Meet for the administrative meeting.

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Kevin Barnaba,
Board Vice Chair

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Date: April 21, 2026

Leigh Broderick,
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Broderick', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Date: April 21, 2026