



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

FEBRUARY 27, 2026 BOARD MEETING
EMERGENCY OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Sherry Williams, Board Chair, Department of Health
Mia Lowery, Local Government
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large
John Boris, Department of the Environment Member

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry
Esther Peter, Consumer Member
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member

Staff and Visitors:

Leigh Broderick, Executive Director
Leslie Johnson, Deputy Director
Michael Conti, Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. by Sherry Williams, Board Chair.

AGENDA Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended with the adjustment to add House Bill 1372 and Implicit Bias. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 House Bill 1079

1(a). The Board discussed the option of submitting a letter of information or a letter of concern.

- Mia Lowery made a motion to rescind the prior vote to submit a letter of opposition for House Bill 1079. John Boris provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- Mia Lowery made a motion to join the letter of concern along with letter of information. John Boris provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 House Bill 1372

2(a) The Board agreed to join the opposition letter.

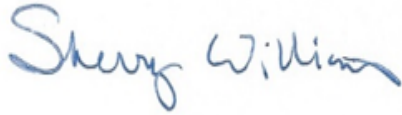
- John Boris made a motion to join the opposition letter. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

At 12:18 p.m. Board Chair, Sherry Williams adjourned the Emergency Open Session Board meeting. John Boris made a motion to adjourn the Emergency Open Session Board meeting. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

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Sherry Williams,
Board Chair

Leigh Broderick,
Executive Director

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