



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

**FEBRUARY 24, 2026 BOARD MEETING**  
**EMERGENCY SESSION MINUTES**

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Meeting Held via Google Meet

**Board Members Present:**

**Sherry Williams, Board Chair, Department of Health**  
**Esther Peter, Consumer Member**  
**Mia Lowery, Local Government**  
**Sarath Seneviratne, At Large**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Kevin Barnaba, Private Industry**  
**Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member**  
**John Boris, Department of the Environment Member**

**Staff and Visitors:**

**Leigh Broderick, Executive Director**  
**Leslie Johnson, Deputy Director**  
**Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Sherry Williams, Board Chair.

**AGENDA** Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended with the adjustment to add ITEM 2 House Bill 1079 and update for House Bill 771. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 1 House Bill 1372**

**1(a).** Leigh spoke about what position some of the other Boards plan to take regarding House Bill 1372. After detailed discussion the Board decided to go with the letter of opposition that the other Boards will be signing.

- Mia Lowery made a motion to sign the opposition letter. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**ITEM 2 House Bill 1079**

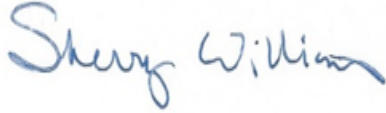
**2(a)** Leigh gave a brief update on House Bill 1079

- The Board will be required to submit a quarterly report on our progress
- Leigh will be testifying at this session which takes place on March 11, 2026
- The Board took no position on House Bill 771

At 11:01 a.m. Board Chair, Sherry Williams adjourned the Emergency Board meeting. Mia Lowery made a motion to adjourn the Emergency Board meeting. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**MINUTES FROM THE  
FEBRUARY 27, 2026, EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING**

Sherry Williams,  
Board Chair

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Date: April 1, 2026

Leigh Broderick,  
Executive Director

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Date: April 1, 2026