MARYLAND
Department of Health

MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALSTS
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

APRIL 1, 2026, BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

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)
Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Sherry Williams, Board Chair.

AGENDA Kevin Barnaba made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 **Review of the Prior Open Session and Emergency Session Meeting Minutes**
1(a). The January 20, 2026, emergency open 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. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
1(b). The regularly scheduled February 4, 2026, open session Board 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. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
1(c). The February 24, 2026, emergency open meeting minutes were reviewed. Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Mia Lowery provided a second to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
1(d). The February 27, 2026, emergency open meeting minutes were reviewed. Sarath Seneviratne made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Mia Lowery provided a second to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
1**(e).** The March 20, 2026, emergency open meeting minutes were reviewed. Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Sarath Seneviratne provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Legislative/Regulations

2(a).

- Lillian informed the Board that there are 13 more days left in the Legislative Session and things are moving along.
- Senate Bill 119, House Bill 274 (the Board's Sunset bill) have passed their respective chambers and have crossed over.
- House Bill 274 is in the third reading on the Senate side with a good chance it will pass and be official.
- Senate Bill 806, House Bill 1420 – criminal history records bill check is on its third reading and is expected to pass
- House Bill 1079 – Office of the Regulatory Management and State Government Authorizations. The Board joined in on a letter of information with other Boards, and it did not get voted out of the house committee.
- House Bill 1372 – Public Health Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Health Centralization Commission. The Board joined in with other Boards to support a letter of opposition as amended. Lillian will keep us updated on the status.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report Sherry Williams

3(a.)

- Sherry gave a brief update on Matthew Cumers, former Board chairman.

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report Leigh Broderick

4(a). Board Connect 360 - Leigh Broderick shared with the Board that during the Executive Director's monthly meeting there was a presentation regarding putting all Boards on the "Board Connect 360" a universal licensing system. There are mixed reactions between the Boards. Leigh stressed that we need to see exactly what it looks like and the cost associated with it before we agree.

4(b). Committee Structure – Leigh stressed the value of having a legislative committee considering the emergency meetings that the Board had to pull together in such short notice. The Board discussed having an emergency legislative committee for such emergencies and an ad hoc committee.

4(c). ADA Compliance – Leigh gave an update on the status of completing the ADA compliance. Leslie has been assisted by IT with the proper tools and is going through all the documents to make sure that they are ADA accessible, meaning that the document can be narrated to the person. Completion is expected by the end of the week.

4(d). Vacant Board Positions – Leigh is waiting on the official word regarding the vacant position. The Board now has two vacant positions. The Appointments office has been notified. Leigh is looking to have a director in local health position and an at large position. John Boris has asked to work with Leigh when deciding on having a director in local health join the Board. If the decision is

made to switch up board positions, Lillian advised that a concept paper would be due to the department by the end of May 2026. The Board would have to vote not on the paper but on the concept of making the change in our Statutes.

- Board Counsel suggested that we schedule an open session meeting early May 2026 to vote.

ITEM 5 Credentialing
No reviews for this meeting.

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group Mia Lowery and John Boris
No report.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education 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 -520
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 74
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 143
5. Number of Exam passing scores since February 4, 2026, meeting - 6
6. Number of failing scores since February 1, 2026, meeting - 4

8(b). Initial Licenses Issued (8)
1. Matthew Collison
2. Tahlia Grant
3. Trevor Odenath
4. Richard Ash III
5. McKinsey Horten
6. Zachary Dunheimer
7. Matthew Burns
8. Brittany Nelson

(c). License Reactivation (0)

8(d). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (19)
1. Denise Jackson
2. Timothy Esworthy
3. Haley Dellinger
4. Adara Griggs
5. Ibiyanka Amokeodo

6. Austin Coombs
7. Robyn Quillens
8. Alec Shaffet
9. Akosua Adu-Gyamfi
10. Darby Blekicki
11. Jack Stevens
12. Lindsay Rodgers
13. Joshua Elmore
14. Christine Lightfoot
15. Sun Hee Moon
16. Saroj Bastola
17. Ian Burak
18. Elena Choe
19. Evan Claggett

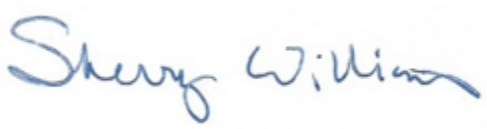
8(e). In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

1. Jasmine Smalls
2. William Reusing Jr.
3. Kelly Johanson
4. Barri Sanni
5. Jack Stevens
6. Lindsay Rodgers

At 10:37 a.m. Board Chair, Sherry Williams adjourned the Open Session. Kevin Barnaba 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 10:47 a.m. to 10:57 a.m. to approve the Minutes from two separate administrative session meetings. The same Board meeting members who were on the open session meeting were on a Google Meet for the administrative meeting.

Sherry Williams,
Board Chair



Date: June 3, 2026

Leigh Broderick,
Executive Director



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