MARYLAND
Department of Health

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

JUNE 3, 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
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Esther Peter, Consumer Member
Sarath Seneviratne, At Large

Staff and Visitors:

Leigh Broderick, Executive Director
Leslie Johnson, Deputy Director
Katherine Cummings, Board Counsel
Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Sherry Williams, Board Chair.

AGENDA Mia Lowery made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended to add continuing education under Item 8. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 **Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session and Administrative Session Meeting Minutes**

1(a). The April 1, 2026 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. John Boris made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

1(b). The April 1, 2026 Administrative Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Kevin Barnaba made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Mia Lowery provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 **Legislative/Regulations**

2(a).

- Lillian Reese gave the Board an update regarding the changes to the legislation timeline for the concept papers.
- Deadline to turn in concept paper is one week before June 25th due date.
- A new form has been introduced that will take place of the concept paper.

ITEM 3 **Board Chair Report** **Sherry Williams**

3(a.)

- Sherry presented Health Occ. §§ 21-101, specifically the definition of apprenticeship, and 21-304, regarding the minimum qualifications for licensure.
- Regarding § 21-101, the proposed amendments change the apprenticeship definition to reflect more accurately the current MDH/Morgan State apprenticeship program, i.e. training experience under supervision of a licensed environmental health specialist and coursework that is provided by an accredited institution. Regarding § 21-304, the amendments make the licensure requirements more concise and include other clarifying changes.
- A motion was made by Mia Lowery to update the law in 21-101 and 21-304 as proposed, amend the Board's composition as previously discussed at the May 20th meeting, and make the change to § 21-205 to omit the special fund revenues. John Boris provided a second motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- The Board will be looking at reviewing all the regulations that were not exempt from the regulations review.

3(b.)

- Lillian is asking all Boards to submit their reports to her early December before the legislative session begins. Leigh Broderick suggested at the next Board meeting in August to have a longer discussion regarding the regulations.

ITEM 4 **Executive Director Report** **Leigh Broderick**

4(a).

- Leslie Johnson gave an update on the status of the renewals. The renewals are running smoothly. To date 135 Environmental Health Specialists have renewed their licenses. The last day to renew the EHS license for the even birth year is June 30, 2026.

4(b).

- Leigh gave an update on the Criminal History Records Check process that will be implemented next year. Staff are working with Alec Wheaden who is assisting with obtaining the agency ORI number and agency authorization number exclusively for the Board. At some point a blast email will go out to all EHS's explaining the new implementation. The Board's website will also be updated.

ITEM 5 **Credentialing**

No reviews for this meeting.

ITEM 6 **Complaints**

No current complaints

ITEM 7 **Work Force Work Group** **Mia Lowery and John Boris**

No report.

ITEM 8 **Continuing Education** **Mia Lowery**

8(a).

- Mia Lowery opened the floor regarding a FEMA training that includes part of the emergency response team for consideration towards CEU's. The discussion centered on if the Board will count the training towards CEU's for licensure and how many CEU's will be accepted. Mia Lowery made a motion to accept the FEMA Introduction to Hazardous Materials training towards CEU's and approve 5 credit hours for this training. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

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 April 1, 2026 meeting - 6
6. Number of failing scores since the April 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

8(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

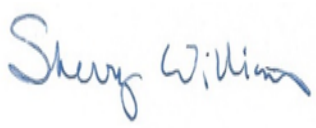
9. Akosua Adu-Gyamfi
10. Darby Blekicki
11. Jack Stevens
12. Lindsay Rodgers
13. Joshua Elmore
14. Christine Lightfoot
15. Sun Hee Moon
16. Saroj Bastola
17. Ian Burak
18. Elena Choe
19. Evan Claggett

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

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

At 11:04 a.m. Board Chair, Sherry Williams adjourned the Open Session. Mia Lowery made a motion to adjourn the Open Session. John Boris provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Sherry Williams,
Board Chair



Date: August 5, 2026

Leigh Broderick,
Executive Director



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