

MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS
Howard County Bureau of Utilities Bldg
8270 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia, Md. 21045

April 6, 2016

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: **Robert Sheesley, Board Chair**
 Bert Nixon, Vice Chair
 Veronica Moore, Board Secretary (Absent)
 Jay Prager, Board Member
 Karen Brandt, Consumer Member
 Yvonne DeLoatch, Board Member
 Mary Veal, Consumer Board Member
 Linda Rudie, Board Member
 Amy Parrish, Private Industry

James T. Merrow, Acting Executive Director
 Ari Elbaum, AAG, Board Counsel
 Donna Zickefoose, Staff

CALL TO ORDER

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

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 10:06 A.M. the members present voted to meet in administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The administrative session ended at 10:16 A.M. The Open Session resumed at 10:16 A.M.

The April 6, 2016 Open Session Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed and adopted with one addition and revisions.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 6, 2016 Open Session meeting were reviewed and approved with revisions.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report:

Robert Sheesley

2a) The Board Chair welcomed Amy Parrish as the Private Sector Board member.

ITEM 3 Executive Director Report:

James Merrow

3a) The House and Senate Bills as of this date had not been voted on, however as amended the Board's operation will be extended until 2027.

3b) The Open Session Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Board's webpage for one year.

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3c) The Database Administrator has revised the Board's website to include the "Approved Training Courses" which are now searchable by course name or by key words in the title.

3d) The Board members were reminded about the Ethics Commission's Financial Disclosure report due by April 30, 2016.

3e) The Board members were informed of the number of the licensees who have fulfilled their continuing education requirements for the 2017 license expiration period.

3f) The names of the new Board members and their statutory representation were discussed.

ITEM 4 Credentialing:

4a) The April 1, 2016 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) exam was administered. There were 21 eligible candidates, of which 13 candidates submitted their exam application to sit for the exam.

4b) Review of the State Classifications for the Environmental Health Director I and II was supplied for the Board members to review. Linda Rudie provided the State series of specifications. The Environmental Health Specialist Managers are licensed, however the Environmental Health Specialist Director's specifications does not have the licensing language. Board Counsel will research the title protection related to the use of the Environmental Health Specialist on the Director's classification and report back at the May 4, 2016 Board meeting.

4c) Addition to the April 6, 2016 Agenda – Laura Russell

Yvonne Deloatch recused herself from the discussion.

Laura Russell requested that the Board allow her to re-apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. The Board recently extended Ms. Russell's In-Training Certificate so that she could take the National Environmental Health Association Specialist Exam. Ms. Russell did not complete her requirements for licensure. The Board voted against Ms. Russell's application and directed the Board staff to send a letter to Ms. Russell advising her of the Board's decision.

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee: No Report

**Yvonne Deloatch, Bert Nixon,
Ari Elbaum, Linda Rudie
and Jay Prager**

ITEM 6 Continuing Education Committee:

**Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie
and Yvonne Deloatch**

6a) This item has been tabled until the May 4, 2016 Board meeting. Online Training Modules – Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center (JHU). The licensees have submitted what they believe are already approved online training from JHU.

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The webpage has been reviewed and clearly needs revision as it states the training has been approved by the Maryland Board of Sanitarians. Linda Rudie and Bert Nixon will discuss this with Cliff Mitchell for a resource/contact to have the webpage updated. The Board Chair will follow up with a letter to Ruth Maiorana.

ITEM 7 Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (10)

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| 1. Keneni Kenno | 6. Miranda Livas |
| 2. Sarah Collins | 7. Christine Micele |
| 3. Karli Murray | 8. Meredith Springsteen |
| 4. Kyle Suchodolski | 9. Bonnie Williams |
| 5. Paul DiMatteo | 10. Tewodros Geremew |

License Reinstatements (0)

In-Training Certificates Issued: (9)

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| 1. Robert Freeman | 6. Samatha Hiner |
| 2. Robert Merriken | 7. Macey Nortey |
| 3. Martha McMahon | 8. Brittany Grace |
| 4. Shelby Hohman | 9. Erin Kelly |
| 5. Thomas Ballardarsh | |

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (1)

1. Aderemi Oldele

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (20)

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| 1. Aparna Mallik | 11. Jodi Corbett |
| 2. Mohsen Fatemi | 12. Jamal El Badaoui |
| 3. Austin Potts | 13. Christopher Kemple |
| 4. Anusua Biswas | 14. Elizabeth Osterman |
| 5. Joan Segura | 15. Emmanuel Pikounis |
| 6. Quesia DeSousa | 16. Anthony Bockarie |
| 7. Samantha Hiner | 17. Lauren Biddinger |
| 8. Michael Cobb | 18. Ryan Hollingshead |
| 9. Nana Boateng | 19. Paterick Payne |
| 10. Bonnie Scalcum | 20. Xyla Williams |

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (5)

1. Lipika Shana
2. Akalu Hambisa
3. Mesfin Gessesse
4. Paul Sneerunger
5. Melody Leinbach

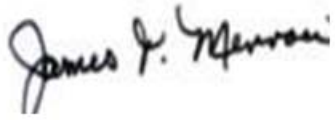
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (0)

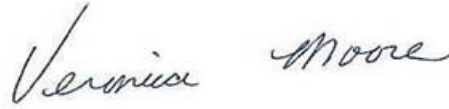
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ITEM 8 Miscellaneous
No items.

Adjourn: 12:45 P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: May 4, 2016

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