

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

APRIL 4, 2018 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bert Nixon, Board Chair
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary (absent)
Yvonne DeLoatch, Board Member (absent)
Amy Parrish, Private Industry
Naomi Howell, Board Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Bruce Bowman, Consumer Member
Jasen Lau, Consumer Member

Staff:

James T. Merrow, Acting Executive Director
Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel
Donna Zickefoose, Administrative Officer II
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator

Visitor(s):

Kim Lang, Maryland Department of Health

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 11:37 A.M. the members present voted to meet in Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The Administrative Session ended at 12:50 P.M. and the Open Session resumed.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

1(a). The Open Session Minutes from the March 7, 2018 Board Meeting were reviewed for approval. Motion was passed to approve with revisions. Motion passed. Vote - 6

ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and adopted with revision. Motion was made to accept. Motion passed. Vote – 6.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report:

Bert Nixon

3(a). Mr. Jason Lau the newly appointed Consumer Member was introduced. Mr. Lau described his interest for being on the Board and gave his background with knowledge of the Regulatory process and also had interned with the Board of Pharmacy. The full board and staff introduced their selves.

3(b). Bert Nixon informed the Board that the Maryland Onsite Wastewater Association (MOWPA) and the University of Maryland may have a possible partnership for training in the Environmental Health field. This is an effort to improve retention in the workforce. A conference call had taken place; discussion was space for the project as the possible future mechanism for training in the profession.

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3(c). Linda Rudie will Chair the June 6, 2018 Board Meeting. Yvonne DeLoatch's status with the Board is still unknown. Board staff will send an e-mail to the Board Members regarding the attendance for the June Board Meeting to determine quorum.

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report: James Mellow

- 4a).** To date 51 licensees have met their required continuing education credits for the June 30, 2019 license renewal.
- 4b).** The revising of the website is still a work in progress.
- 4c).** The proposed regulations had been approved by the Governor. The scheduled final publication is April 13, 2018 the effective date is expected to be April 23, 2018. When the Regulations are effective a blast e-mail will go out to all licensees.
- 4d).** Yvonne's representation is Local Health Department. Communication will be made with her to determine if she had made her decision to resign from the Board.
- 4e).** The Budget is solvent for FY 18.
- 4f).** Stats from the licensing database were provided as follows:
- 17 Active Seasonal Certificates
 - 546 Licensed Environmental Health Specialists
 - 117 Active In-Training Certificates
 - 356 Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates
- 4g).** Reminder, if the Financial Disclosures have not been completed to please do so.
- 4e).** Bruce Bowman has met with the Board staff to review the overall process of the Board from applications to licensure and the role of the Consumer Member.

ITEM 5 Credentialing:

- 5(a).** The April 10, 2018 exam has 27 eligible candidates. 21 candidates have paid to take the exam. The names are listed below:
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| 1. Modupe Akintomide | 11. Courtney Klein | 21. Todd Ward |
| 2. Prabesh Bajracharya | 12. Mouhaman Kola | |
| 3. Thomas Balladarsch | 13. Nathan Kurtanich | |
| 4. Anusus Biswas | 14. Austin Potts | |
| 5. Emmanuel Bolajoko | 15. Wanda Ramirez | |
| 6. Robert Freeman | 16. Michael Slattery | |
| 7. Aerielle Harris | 17. Bradley Sharkey | |
| 8. Samantha Hiner | 18. Sobha Thomas | |
| 9. Timilehin Idris | 19. India Toye | |
| 10. Megline Igbowke | 20. Kurtis Drummond | |

5(b). Meseret Bogale – Mr. Bogale’s application review yielded a 12 month in-training period. Mr. Bogale entered a dispute for the Board to review his Public Health Degree in Health Science for him to obtain the 3 month in-training period. Bert reviewed and described the course work reflected on the transcript. The file had been reviewed by other members. Motion was made to approve the 3 month in-training period. Motion passed. Vote 7.

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ITEM 6 **Legislative/Regulations Committee:** **Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie
and Amy Parrish**

No Report, status noted under Executive Director's Report Item 4(c).

ITEM 7 Work Force Group:

**Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,
Naomi Howell**

Cliff Mitchell was present at the Director's meeting. It was indicated that there will be a scheduled Work Force Group Meeting. Mr. Mitchell is still reviewing 6 positions and creating the proper language for the specialized positions.

ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee: Linda Rudie, Amy Parrish and Bruce Bowman

No training waiting for review.

ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (3)

1. Jerry Franklin (Statute 21-306) Waiver of Examination of Persons Registered in another State.
2. Laura Russell – Exam with NEHA direct
3. Iye Perez – December 2017 exam

License Reactivations (0)

In-Training Certificates Issued: (8)

1. Aiesha Lee
2. Timothy Burke
3. Brian Rice
4. Crystal Akerband
5. Cole Aston
6. Kerron Morgan
7. Dimisew Deressa
8. Daniel Scanlan

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (8)

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| 1. Meseret Bogale | 5. Tanice Bailey |
| 2. Angela Cummins | 6. Destiny Hewison |
| 3. Candice Gott | 7. Demisew Deressa |
| 4. Richard Sochacki | 8. Fonlon Wirba Etienne |

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (1)

- ## 1. Johnnie Rossy, III

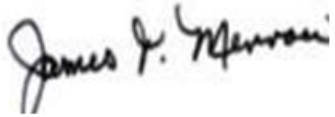
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

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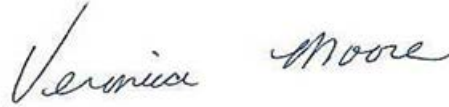
Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (1)

1. Emmanuel Adeyanju – 1st review 2/7/18, course work and lab requirement not met. 2nd review 3/16/18 with several course syllabus requests, course work and lab requirement not met. Degrees: MS Science – Occupational Safety & Environmental Management. BS Science – Business Administration.

Adjourn: 1:05 P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: June 6, 2018

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