



MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

Howard County Bureau of Utilities Bldg
8270 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia, Md. 21045

August 2, 2017
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Bert Nixon, Board Chair
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary (Absent)
Karen Brandt, Consumer Member
Yvonne DeLoatch, Board Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry
Naomi Howell, Board Member (Absent)

James T. Merrow, Acting Executive Director
Ari Elbaum, AAG, Board Counsel
Donna Zickefoose, Staff
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator
Kristen Neville, Regulation Legislation Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 10:05 A.M. the members present voted to meet in Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The Administrative Session ended at 11:08 A.M. and the Open Session Resumed.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 7, 2017 Open Session meeting were accepted as amended. Motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed. Vote - 5.

ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved and adopted. Motion was made to Approve. Motion passed. Vote – 5.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

3a). The Board’s webpage will be revised to be more user friendly. The Environmental Health Specialist position needs to be defined, the application process will need to be updated. The application will need to be revised to clarify education and experience. Post the In-Training Certificate extension process.

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report: James Merrow

4a). The 2017 License renewal is complete.

- 519 Active Licensees
- 38 Licensees were put on non-renewed status
- 19 Licensees were put on inactive status
- The Database Administrator will clear the “Approved Courses” and the Continuing Education Records on the Board’s webpage to allow for the new records for the 2019 license expiration period to be added.

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4b). The Board’s proposed regulations were to be published in the July 21, 2017 Edition of the Maryland Register, however they were not published and the revised date to be published will be August 4, 2017.

Kristen Neville, Regulation Legislation Coordinator informed the Board there is a moratorium currently on regulations. The process is first the Secretary will sign off, second the Governor will review and finally the Regulations will need justification to be exempt from the moratorium. Kristen will follow through on this process.

4c). Consumer Board Member, Michael Pugh, has resigned.

4d). The General Fund request has been approved by the Department it will move forward for the Governor’s approval in the legislative package.

**ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Yvonne Deloatch, Bert Nixon,
Ari Elbaum, Linda Rudie
and Amy Parrish**

**ITEM 6 Work Force Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,
Naomi Howell and Yvonne Deloatch**

No meeting scheduled to date.

**ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie
and Yvonne Deloatch**

7a). The Sign Language training request was not approved.

7b). OSHA 10 hr. and CPR are not approved training.

7c). The Board received a transcript with an AB Degree, Karen Brandt is following up on clarification of the degree with Harvard University.

7d). A licensee sent in a copy of a CDL license with endorsements as evidence of training for renewal CEUs, without any training certificates to substantiate actual training taken. Additionally, the licensee directed the Board staff to contact the employer for copies of the licensee’s training certificates. The licensee was advised it is the licensee’s responsibility to provide approved training certificates/backup required for license renewal. Due to the lack of CEUs, the licensee was placed in non-renewed license status. Karen Brandt reviewed with the Board the cards and license copies which had been received by the Board and not approved for continuing education.

ITEM 8 Credentialing:

8a). There were 17 eligible candidates to take the NEHA exam scheduled for August 18, 2017. To date 13 candidates have registered and paid to sit for the exam. The names are listed below:

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| 1. Modupe Akintomide | 6. Mouhaman Kola | 11. Lauren Armbruster |
| 2. Erik Andrulis | 7. Nathan Kurtanich | 12. Aerielle Harris |
| 3. Julie Buchanan | 8. Ivy Perez | 13. Neneh Wurie |
| 4. Michael Cobb | 9. Lipika Saha | |
| 5. Tyler Kelley | 10. India Toye | |

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ITEM 9 Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (3)

1. John Hagens
2. Margaret Kratz
3. Julie Sabatino (Sat direct with NEHA, Calvert County Health Department)

License Reactivations (1)

1. Jonathan Richardson

In-Training Certificates Issued: (3)

1. Bonnie Griesemer
2. Megan Patrick
3. Solomon Balcha

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (13)

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| 1. Brian Rice | 6. Shanie Henry | 11. Andres Bean |
| 2. Olivia Smith | 7. Bakhita Nzeribe | 12. LaTrisha Dye |
| 3. Wendy Franklin | 8. Sara Addis | 13. Leah Kershaw |
| 4. Chelsea Connor | 9. Uchenna Enwu | |
| 5. Sanae Cherkaoui | 10. Olayinak Akore | |

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (1)

1. Aiesha Lee

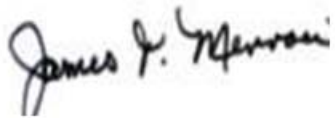
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (1)

1. Catherine Damon

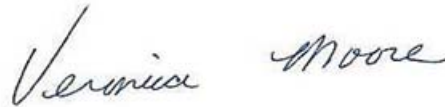
Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (1)

1. Danamae Scarborough (BA Degree- Did not meet lab requirement)

Adjourn: 12:05 P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: October 4, 2017

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