



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

**December 6, 2017**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff:**

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

**Visitors:**

**Robert Sheesley, Visitor**  
**Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator**  
**Kim Lang, MDH Director of Health Occupations**

**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 10:59 A.M. and the Open Session Resumed.

**ITEM 1      Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the October 4, 2017 Open Session meeting were accepted as amended. Motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.  
Vote - 8.

**ITEM 2      Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved and adopted as submitted. Motion was made to Accept. Motion passed. Vote – 8.

**ITEM 3      Board Chair Report:**

**Bert Nixon**

**3a).** The Board Chair welcomed and introduced the new Consumer Board Member, Bruce Bowman. Introductions took place then Mr. Bowman gave his history, experience, and education. Currently he is involved with non-profit organizations. Mr. Bowman informed that he attended the New Board Member Orientation in December 2017.

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- 3b).** The Board Chair announced with regret that Karen Brandt, Consumer Member, had resigned. To Ms. Brant’s credit her analysis of continuing education training for the licenses had been promptly reviewed and posted quickly when approved. The Board staff was instructed to order the certificates of service appreciation signed by the Secretary and Governor for Ms. Brandt.  
With Ms. Brandt’s resignation the Board needed to replace her on the Continuing Education Committee. Linda Rudie will now head the committee, Yvonne DeLoatch will remain on the committee. Amy Parrish and Bruce Bowman will now join the committee.
- 3c).** Yvonne DeLoatch will officially retire with Baltimore County on February 1, 2018 but will be consulting and working on a contractual basis with the Baltimore County Health Department. She will also remain on the Board.

**ITEM 4 Executive Director Report: James Merrow**

- 4a).** To date 14 licensees have met their required continuing education credits for license renewal.
- 4b).** The vacant Consumer Member has been posted on the Board’s website.
- 4c).** The webpage update is a work in progress. The Board staff is working with The Database Administrator to put the updates in place.
- 4d).** Continuing Education Committee – addressed by the Board Chair in his report.
- 4f).** Ari Elbaum, Board Counsel, will be replaced by Katherine Giblin.
- 4g).** Open Meeting Act Training – Members should take the Open Meeting Act Training. The Office of Attorney General’s Website has the link for the Open Meeting Act Training.

**ITEM 5 Credentialing:**

- 5a).** 23 candidates were eligible for the December 12, 2017 NEHA exam. 20 candidates were scheduled to take the exam. Candidates names are listed below:

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| 1. Erik Andrulis     | 11. Robert Freeman   |
| 2. Sileshi Baye      | 12. Shelby Hohman    |
| 3. Lauren Biddinger  | 13. Layla Jimerson   |
| 4. Emmanuel Bolajoko | 14. Mouhaman Kola    |
| 5. Julie Buchanan    | 15. Nathan Kurtanich |
| 6. Joseph Cabahug    | 16. Ivy Perez        |
| 7. Kenethia Charity  | 17. Joy Tejada       |
| 8. Lauren Daniels    | 18. Sobha Thomas     |
| 9. Megan DeJeter     | 19. India Toye       |
| 10. Fern DeSilva     | 20. Neneh Wurie      |

- 5b).** Amy Edwards – Applicant requesting to receive a Certificate of Eligibility based on experience in the profession. Requested documentation had been submitted for review from the prior Board meeting. Motion was made to issue the certificate after the Board Counsel reviews for legality. Motion passed. Vote – 7 in favor - 1 abstain.

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

**6(a).** The Regulations are in the Governor's Office.

**6(b).** Jim had prepared a briefing memo for the Governor on the proposed, General Fund Statute change, and it was not approved. Jim met with Kim Lang, she advised that Jim make a request to the MDH Budget office to request that they propose some relief for this fiscal year. They will get back to Jim.

**ITEM 7 Work Force Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,  
Naomi Howell and Yvonne Deloatch**

The Group met in November, Dr. Mitchell reviewed his discussions with DBAM they are working on a path moving forward for the State and MDE folks in the Sanitarian Series.

**ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee: Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie  
and Yvonne Deloatch**

No outstanding requests waiting approval.

**ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed**

Initial License Issued: (1)

1. Jacqueline Hampton (Statute 21-306)

License Reactivations (1)

1. Lawrence Webber

In-Training Certificates Issued: (12)

1. Sharmel Rhyne	7. David Bradford
2. Danielle Staggers	8. Brad Sweet
3. Kristi Marsh	9. Kyle Kowalczyk
4. Andrea Bean	10. William Jacobs
5. Gregory DeBoe	11. Mengestayhu Akalet
6. Hristo Hristov	12. Evan Aston

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (23)

1. Lana Johnson	11. Jane Saunders	21. Joseph Goldscher
2. Kyle Kowalczyk	12. David Bradford	22. Nicholas Masters
3. John Walker	13. Kerron Morgan	23. Jenelle Bratcher
4. Timothy Burke	14. Paola Njandja	
5. Lucas Mille	15. Brittany Carpender	
6. Samantha Peternal	16. Travon Owens	
7. Tao Fang	17. Justin Groff	
8. Justin Lange	18. Jason McCain	

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- 9. Anthonia Nwafor-Egenti    19. Devin Baker
- 10. Brad Sweet                    20. Johathan Cross

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (2)

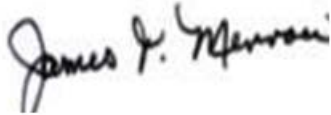
- 1. Mengestayhu Akelat
- 2. William Alzato

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

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

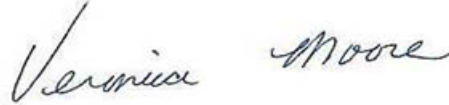
- 1. Chad Baidson – Lab requirement was not included in course work.

Adjourn: 12:05 P.M.



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James T. Merrow  
Acting Executive Director



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Veronica Moore  
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: March 7, 2018

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