#### MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALSTS Howard County Bureau of Utilities Bldg 8270 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia, Md. 21045

#### **FEBRUAY 1, 2017**

#### **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 A.M. by Robert Sheesley, Board Chair.

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 10:07 A.M. the members present voted to meet in Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The Administrative Session ended at 10:19 A.M.

#### ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 4, 2017 Open Session meeting were adopted with revisions. Motion was made to accept the minutes with revisions. Motion passed. 6 votes.

#### ITEM 2 Board Chair Report:

#### **Robert Sheesley**

Robert Sheesley discussed the changes and accomplishments the Board has been faced with since the move from Maryland Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He thanked the Board Members and the Committee Members for their continued support in restructuring the Board in a manner which is supportive to the licensees and which will continue to fulfill the public health environmental mission. He then announced he would be stepping down from the Board Chair position, but will remain on the Board until the end of his term in the "At Large" representation.

The Board members nominated Bert Nixon for the position of Board Chair and Linda Rudie for the position of Board Vice Chair. The nominations were seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bert Nixon as the new Board Chair proceeded to handle the meeting at this point.

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#### ITEM 3 Executive Director Report: James Merrow

**3a)** 252 licensees have currently met the required education credits for the 2017 license renewal. The Board staff is working to have the renewal application posted on the Board's webpage by the end of February. The renewal applications will also be mailed out to licensees by April 1, 2017.

**3b**) The 2016 Financial Disclosures are due by April 30, 2017. The filing link can be found at the SEC website – <u>http://ethics.maryland.gov</u>

**3c)** The  $2^{nd}$  blast e-mail went out to licensees which now includes training events. The feedback with the posting of upcoming sponsor training has been positive.

**3d**) Funding – The Health Professionals Boards and Commissions F.Y. 2018 Budget overview was provided for the Board to review. The Budget will be presented to the Senate on February 3, 2017. The report includes a section on the funding difficulties facing the Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

**3e)** The proposed regulations were posted in the Maryland Register January 6, 2017 for comment. The comment period end is February 6, 2017.

ITEM 5	Legislative/Regulations Committee:	Yvonne Deloatch, Bert Nixon,
		Ari Elbaum, Linda Rudie
	No Report	and Amy Parrish

# ITEM 6 Work Force Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,

Naomi Howell and Yvonne Deloatch

No update or planned meeting.

# ITEM 7Continuing Education Committee:Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie<br/>and Yvonne Deloatch

**7a).** Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents (32 Hours) was presented to the Board for review The Board reviewed the training and approved the training for 50%.

The Board further discussed how CEUs for courses such as the FEMA classes (other than ICS 100 and 200) and other similar submissions should be handled. Discussion was based on the length of these classes and how these courses are tied back to the EHS training requirements. The Board determined that the CE Committee can approve up-to 50% of the contact hours based on the following:

Content of the course and learning objectives; If the course is mandatory at department level; Is the course specific to their facility; and/or How the course is tied back to the profession.

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#### ITEM 8 Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (9)

- 1. Stephen Kirsch, Jr.
- 2. Omololu Dawodu
- 3. Christopher DenBleyker
- 4. Alexandra Gordon
- 5. Amanda Jensen
- 6. Martha McMahon
- 7. Sanketkuma Patel
- 8. Candice Thompson
- 9. Michelle Meninger

License Reactivations (0)

#### In-Training Certificates Issued: (5)

- 1. Anthony Bobnett
- 2. Julienne Ekor-Tah
- 3. Joseph Cabahug
- 4. Anusua Biswas
- 5. Prabesh Bajracharya

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

#### Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (5)

- 1. Megan Partick
- 2. Jenni Biondi
- 3. Xavier Ellison
- 4. Alyssa Deares
- 5. Todd Ward

## Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (1)

- 1. Anjali Kegereeis
- 2. Mohsen Fatemi

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

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (1) 1. Alem Seged Seyoum

Adjourn: 11:34 A.M.

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James J. Menorani

James T. Merrow Acting Executive Director

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Veronica Moore Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: March 1, 2017

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