

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

**January 4, 2017**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Vice 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 10:36 A.M.

**ITEM 1           Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the December 7, 2016 Open Session meeting were adopted with revisions. Motion was made to accept the minutes with revisions.  
Motion passed. 5 votes.

**ITEM 2           Board Chair Report:                                 Robert Sheesley**  
                  Bert Nixon introduced Mike Pugh, Consumer Board Member.

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

**4a)** 233 licensees have currently met the required education credits for the 2017 license renewal.

**4b)** The Joint Chair Report - it was reviewed and revised for final submittal. Bert Nixon will correspond with Natasha Mehu, Maryland Association of Counties, regarding the Board's funding issues as to the possibility of assistance with seeking a sponsor to request that the Board be moved from the Special Fund to General Fund category.

**4c)** National Exam – The December 16, 2016 NEHA exam had 28 eligible candidates. 17 candidates sat for the exam. 10 passed the exam and 7 failed. The names of the candidates who passed are listed below:

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- Omololu Dawodu
- Christopher DenBleyker
- Alexandra Gordon
- Amanda Jensen
- Stephen Kirsch
- Margaret Kratz
- Martha McMahan
- Michelle Meminger
- Sanketkuma Patel
- Candice Thompson

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

The Regulations are to be published in the Maryland Register January 6, 2017.

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

Currently the group is customizing the specialty MS22's for the subject matter experts. The group is waiting for guidance from participating HR individuals and others familiar with this type of process as to how best to proceed with this initiative. Once determined, the current plan is to present one or more of the draft documents to the Department of Budget Management for review and hopeful approval.

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

No outstanding training awaiting approval.

**ITEM 8 Work Processed**

Initial License Issued: (0)

License Reactivations (0)

In-Training Certificates Issued: (6)

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Lauren Biddinger | 4. Hilda Mathis    |
| 2. Laya Jimerson    | 5. Sobha Thomas    |
| 3. Lauren Daniels   | 6. Timilehin Idris |

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (6)

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fidelia Alika          | 4. Megline Igbokwe  |
| 2. Angela Spaniol         | 5. Ferdinand George |
| 3. Benson Nantwi Amponsem | 6. Leila Ahmadi     |

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Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (1)

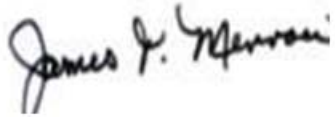
1. Barisua Ikpe
- 2.

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

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (2)

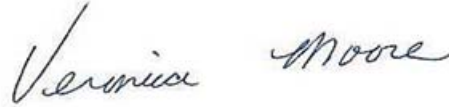
1. Brian Rice
2. Geremew Kumalo

Adjourn: 11:05 A.M.



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James T. Merrow  
Acting Executive Director



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Veronica Moore  
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: February 1, 2017

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