

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

June 7, 2017
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Bert Nixon, Board Chair
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary
Karen Brandt, Consumer Member (Absent)
Robert Sheesley, Board Member
Yvonne DeLoatch, Board Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry (Absent)
Naomi Howell, Board Member
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 10:05 A.M. by Bert Nixon, 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 10:10 A.M. and the Open Session Resumed.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 3, 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 with two additions. Motion was made to Approve. Motion passed. Vote – 5.

Additions to the June 7, 2017 Open Session Meeting Agenda:

1. Continuing Education: Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training was discussed. The Committee recommended and the Board agreed to approve 50% of the requested continuing education credits for the training.
2. Request for an Administrative Policy to be put in place for applicants who have applied and want to re-apply: Macey Northey had received his In-Training Certificate but resigned 4 months later. He contacted the Board to inquire how to re-apply. The Board discussed the fact that Mr. Northey's In-Training Certificate is still active and not expired therefore the current in-training certificate can be used to regain employment.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

1. The Board Chair requested that the Board staff check and report back the Degree held by Aiesha Lee.
2. The Board will not meet in July unless the Closed Session item for investigation is completed.

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- ITEM 4 Executive Director Report: James Merrow**
3a). 422 licensees had completed their continuing education requirement for license renewal. The current license renewal has been running efficiently.
3b). It was proposed that the Board begin to meet every other month to begin with August 2017. If there were any pending Closed Session concerns the Board could notify the members and hold a meeting. For the continuing education needing approval under dispute they can be sent to the full Board via e-mail for review. A motion was made to agree to the Bi-Monthly Board Meetings. Motion passed.
Vote - 6
3e). The Proposed Actions on Regulations had been received. The next step will be the posting in the Maryland Register.
- 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 rescheduled meeting to date.
In the EHLC meeting the workforce group was discussed, Cliff Mitchell stated he was working on a meeting with DBM, DHMH and MDE. There was also an inquiry at this meeting for the Board to look into the cost involved with someone applying for a job at the local health department. The complaint was the cost for an applicant just to be interviewed. EHLC thought the Board was charged with looking into positions that should be licensed. EHLC would like to know the results.
- ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie
and Yvonne Deloatch**
- The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s training website had been shut down as of March 1, 2017.
- ITEM 8 Work Processed**
Initial License Issued: (0)

License Reactivations (0)

In-Training Certificates Issued: (4)
1. Meghan Johnson
2. Rachel Churn
3. Sepideth Payami
4. Sean Stein

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (9)
1. William Jacobs

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2. Richard Camp
3. Wondale Amare
4. Sepideh Payami
5. Kay Haney
6. Philip Simpson
7. Akinyele Oni
8. Janet Hartka

Certificates of Eligibility Issued Cont.:

9. Michael Hammer

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (3)

1. Xyla Williams
2. Nia Govan
3. Alan Post

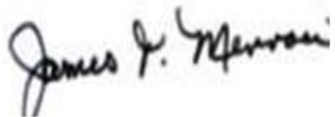
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (6)

1. James Fishman
2. Christopher Turner
3. Richard Lee
4. Shaun Stemmler
5. Emily Green
6. William Jacobs

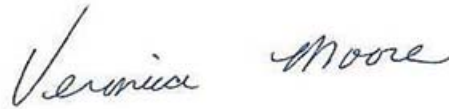
Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (1)

1. Wayshawn Reed (Criminal Justice Major – Did not meet the minimum science credit requirements.)

Adjourn: 11:25 A.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: August 2, 2017

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