



MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

JUNE 6, 2018 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bert Nixon, Board Chair (Absent)
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary
Amy Parrish, Private Industry (Absent)
Naomi Howell, Board Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member (Absent)
Bruce Bowman, Consumer Member
Jasen Lau, Consumer Member

Staff:

James T. Merrow, Acting Executive Director
Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel
Donna Zickefoose, Administrative Officer II
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator

Visitor(s):

Lillian Reese, MDH, Regulation Legislation Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 A.M. by Linda Rudie, Board Vice Chair.

ITEM 1

Approval of Agenda

1(a). The Agenda was reviewed and adopted as presented. Motion was made to accept. Motion passed. Vote – 5.

ITEM 2

Approval of Minutes

2(a). The April 25, 2018 Conference Call Minutes were reviewed and adopted as presented. Motion was made to accept. Motion passed. Vote – 5

2(b). The April 4, 2018 Open Session Minutes were approved with revisions. Motion was made to approve with revisions. Motion passed. Vote - 5

ITEM 3

Board Chair Report:

Bert Nixon

No Report

ITEM 4

Executive Director Report:

James Merrow

4a). Jim introduced Lillian Reese. Ms. Reese is the replacement for Kristen Neville, Regulation Legislation Coordinator. Ms. Reese has been with the Department for many years and had work closely with Michele Phinney and looks forward to assisting the Board.

4(b). As of the June 6th meeting, there are 124 licensees who have met their required continuing education credits for the June 30, 2019 license renewal period.

4(c). The website revision is still a work in progress.

4(d). An e-mail went out to all licensees regarding the effective date of April 23, 2018 for the Title 10.60.03 Continuing Education Regulations.

4(e). The April 10, 2018 Licensing Exam had 21 candidates take the exam. 11 candidates passed the exam. The names are listed under credentialing.

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4(f). Yvonne DeLoatch had officially resigned from the Board on April 10, 2018. An e-mail had been sent out to licensees for the position recruitment. The vacant Board position had also been posted on the Board’s website.

4(g). Kim Bennardi had provided an update on the vacant position, representation, Local Government. The Governmental Affairs Office (GAO) had completed the vetting process of applicants and a recommendation for appointment has been made by the Secretary. The Governor’s review of the recommended applicant is expected sometime in June.

4(h). Stats from the licensing database were provided as follows:

- 26 Active Seasonal Certificates
- 558 Licensed Environmental Health Specialists
- 82 Active In-Training Certificates
- 256 Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates

ITEM 5 Credentialing:

5(a). The April 10, 2018 exam had 11 candidates pass the licensing exam. The names are listed below:

1. Modupe Akintomide
2. Kurtis Drummond
3. Samantha Hiner
4. Timilehin Idris
5. Courtney Klein
6. Mouhaman Kola
7. Nathan Kurtanich
8. Michael Slattery
9. Bradley Sharkey
10. Sobha Thomas
11. Todd Ward

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

6(a). 10.60.02.06 C. Renewal of Licenses still reflects a late renewal licensing fee. The late fee had been removed from the Statute and the Fees list. A motion was made to rescind Section 10.60.02.06 C. Motion Passed. Vote -5

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

Linda Rudie reported that the Work Force Group had met. Cliff Mitchell had a proposal for the changes in the Sanitarian Series and description of work for the State and Maryland Department of the Environment. It was mentioned that Cliff Mitchell quoted a possible incorrect number of active licensees employed with Government and in the Private Sector. The Board staff will provide an accurate number and forward to Linda prior to the next Work Force Group meeting.

**ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee: Linda Rudie, Amy Parrish
and Bruce Bowman**

The following training had not been approved for continuing education credit:

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1. Managing Diversity Begins with You
2. Cultural Competency for Community Management of Special Needs Patients in Disaster
3. Diversity and Cultural Competency in Public Health Settings – Basic Level
4. Cultural Competence in Emergencies
5. Cultural Competency for Community Management

The licensee who submitted the training had asked the full Board to review and had disputed the Continuing Education Committee's decision of non-approval. The licensee will attend the August 1, 2018 Board Meeting to clarify and explain the relevance of the training.

At 10:53 A.M., at the same location Jasen Lau made a motion to close Open Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305 (b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The motion was seconded by Bruce Bowman. Motion passed unanimously. Vote-5. The same Board members who were present during the Open Session were present during the Closed Session, and the discussion concerned legal advice regarding the interpretation of continuing education regulations. The Board tabled its review of the training for further review and consideration at the August 1, 2018 Board meeting.

A Motion was made to re-open the Session.

ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (12)

1. Nick Adams (Statute 21-306) Waiver of Examination of Persons Registered in another State.
2. Sobha Thomas
3. Nathan Kurtanich
4. Bradley Sharkey
5. Mouhaman Kola
6. Todd Ward
7. Courtney Klein
8. Michael Slattery
9. Modupe Akintomide
10. Timilehim Idris
11. Kurtis Srummond
12. Samantha Hiner

License Reactivations (1)

1. Jay White (Activated from Non-Renewed Status)

In-Training Certificates Issued: (3)

1. Brittney Ames
2. Nicholas Prete
3. Seth Robbins

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Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (17)

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| 1. Cory Perdue | 11. Paige Dansberger |
| 2. Savannah Kuta | 12. Angela Bell |
| 3. Justin Carlisle | 13. Paris Newman |
| 4. Jennifer Kenney | 14. James Bowman |
| 5. Marilyn Wise | 15. James Writer |
| 6. Emily Turner | 16. Joseph Spangler |
| 7. Amanda Page | 17. Bolanle Adisa |
| 8. Charlie Kiler | |
| 9. Natisha Joseph | |
| 10. Shayne Kirschenbaum | |

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (3)

1. Khadija Smith
2. Asha Amollo
3. Janet Hartka

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

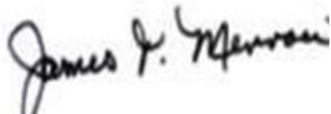
1. Shaine Henry

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

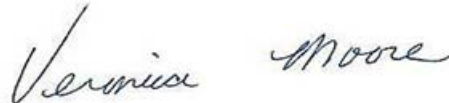
1. Gloria Choe – Did not meet the Lab Requirement.

Adjourn: 11:26 A.M.

At 11:26 A.M., at the same location as the Open Session, the same members present at the Open Session voted to close the Open Session Meeting to meet in Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The Administrative Session ended at 12:15. P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: August 1, 2018

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