



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

MARCH 7, 2018 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bert Nixon, Board Chair
Linda Rudie, Vice Chair
Veronica Moore, Board Secretary (absent)
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
Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel
Donna Zickefoose, Staff

Visitor(s):

Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Bert Nixon, Board Chair.

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 10:04 A.M. the members present voted to meet in Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The Administrative Session ended at 10:26 A.M. and the Open Session resumed.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

1(a). The minutes for the December 6, 2017 Open Session Minutes were accepted as amended. Motion was made to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion passed. Vote - 6.

1(b). The minutes from the January 3, 2018 Conference Call were approved as submitted. Motion was made to approve as reported. Motion passed.

Vote - 6

ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved and adopted with correction. Motion was made to accept. Motion passed. Vote – 6.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report:

Bert Nixon

3(a). The February 7, 2018 Board Meeting, due to inclement weather, had been re-scheduled to February 16, 2018. The re-scheduled February 16, 2018 Board meeting did not meet quorum.

3(b). Suggestion for a blast e-mail to licensees regarding the proposed regulation changes. Bert will notify the Directors at the next Director's meeting regarding the continuing education proposed regulation changes.

3(c). Linda Rudie will Chair the June 6, 2018 Board Meeting. Yvonne DeLoatch will be on vacation for the June 6, 2018 Board Meeting. Advisement to post and send a blast e-mail regarding Yvonne's position on the Board.

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ITEM 4

Executive Director Report:

James Merrow

- 4a).** To date 33 licensees have met their required continuing education credits for the June 30, 2019 license renewal.
- 4b).** The Consumer Member has been selected more information will follow when received.
- 4(c).** Financial Disclosure Reports will be due in April for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- 4d).** The proposed regulations are to be published in the February 2, 2018 Maryland Register with the comment period ending March 5, 2018. After the final publish the Secretary is to sign off.
- 4(e).** Stats from the licensing database were provided as follows:
 - 17 Active Seasonal Certificates
 - 543 Licensed Environmental Health Specialists
 - 116 Active In-Training Certificates
 - 351 Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates
- 4(f).** Mileage reimbursement was presented - the State employees and Board Members who utilize their vehicles can be reimbursed at 54.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2018.
- 4(g).** 25 Candidates are eligible for the April 10, 2018 National exam. Actual number of candidates who will elect to take the exam will be provided at the April 4, 2018 meeting.

ITEM 5

Credentialing:

- 5(a).** The December 12, 2017 NEHA exam results revealed 13 of the 20 candidates passed. The names of the candidates who passed the exam are listed below:

1. Erik Andrulis	6. Ive Perez	11. Lauren Daniels
2. Sileshi Baye	7. Joy Tejada	12. Fern DeSilva
3. Lauren Biddinger	8. Neneh Wurie	13. Shelby Hohman
4. Julie Buchanan	9. Kenethia Charity	
5. Joseph Cabahug	10. Megan DeJeter	
- 5(b).** Joan Ward – Ms. Ward had requested that the Board review the documentation provided and accept her past experience in lieu of her in-training period to allow her to sit for the exam. The Board reviewed her file and documentation and motion was made to allow her to sit for the exam. Motion passed. Vote – 7
- 5(c).** Bradley Sharkey – Mr. Sharkey appealed to the Board to reduce his 24 month in-training period to a 12 month in-training period. The Board reviewed the file and written requests from Mr. Sharkey and his supervisor. Motion was made to accept and change the in-training period. Motion passed. Vote - 7
- 5(e).** Michael Slattery – Mr. Slattery appealed to the Board to reduce his 24 month in-training period to a 12 month in-training period. The Board reviewed the file and written requests from Mr. Slattery and his supervisor. Motion was made to accept and change the in-training period. Motion passed. Vote – 7

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

No Report, status noted under Executive Director's Report Item 4(d).

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

It had been relayed to the Work Force Group that 6 job specifications had been forwarded to DBAM for review. No details at this point.

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

8(a). Health Hazard Awareness – OSHA 7205, Fill Committee Review. This was disapproved by the Committee for continuing education credits.

8(b) Project Management for Public Health Records. This was approved for continuing education credits.

8(c). Sent the Compliance Wire Training to Yvonne for further review.

ITEM 9 Miscellaneous

9(a). Naomi Howell brought in discussion that there may be the possibility that the Maryland Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (MOWPA) is considering partnering with the University of Maryland in training for the Environmental Field. A meeting is scheduled to take place; she will forward the information to the Board staff to forward to the Board.

ITEM 10 Status of Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (13)

1. Kurt Stoltz (Statute 21-306) Waiver of Examination of Persons Registered in another State.
2. Erik Andrulis
3. Lauren Biddinger
4. Julie Buchanan
5. Joseph Cabahug
6. Megan Dejter
7. Shelby Hohman
8. Joy Tejada
9. Kenethis Charity
10. Sileshi Baye
11. Fern DeSilva
12. Lauren Daniels
13. Neneh Wurie

License Reactivations (1)

1. Gary Browning – Changed from non-renewed status to Active.

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In-Training Certificates Issued: (11)

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| 1. Terrence Mulvey | 7. Evyonnka Rizkallah |
| 2. Megline Igbokew | 8. Ashley McMahan |
| 3. Omomayokun Ojo | 9. Anjali Kegerreis |
| 4. Chelsea Connor | 10. Justin Groff |
| 5. Angela Spaniol | 11. Jesse Knotts |
| 6. Samantha Peternel | |

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (1)

1. Aerielle Harris, 6-month extension

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (27)

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| 1. Cole Aston | 11. Sonya Hong | 21. Alycia Skarzinski |
| 2. Crystal Akenbrand | 12. Seth Robbins | 22. Madison Hunt |
| 3. Omomayokun Ojo | 13. Amy Edwards | 23. Jenelle Bratcher |
| 4. Andrew Craton | 14. Adewole Adegborioye | 24. Keith Dolan |
| 5. Josette Markline | 15. Nneka Ijeabuonwu | 25. Brittany Ames |
| 6. Khadija Kiruri | 16. Daniel Scanlan | 26. Micah Coe |
| 7. John Barnes | 17. Michael Hammond | 27. Meghan Ross |
| 8. Jesse Knots | 18. Jessica Zidanic | |
| 9. Afolashade Alatishe | 19. Nicholas Strickland | |
| 10. Margaret Pecora | 20. Joan Ward | |

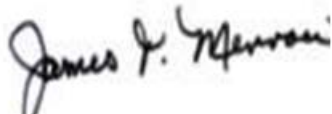
Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (4)

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| 1. Angela Spaniol | 3. Ferdinand George |
| 2. Patrick Payne | 4. Ikpe Barisua |

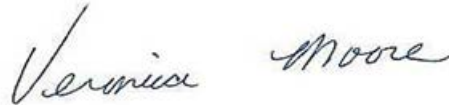
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility: (0)

Adjourn: 12:00 P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: April 4, 2018

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