

MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALSTS 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

OCTOBER 3, 2018 BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bert Nixon, Board Chair Linda Rudie, Vice Chair (Absent) Veronica Moore, Board Secretary (Absent) Amy Parrish, Private Industry Naomi Howell, Dept. of the Environment Member Ann Rose, At Large Member Bruce Bowman, Consumer Member Jasen Lau, Consumer Member Erin Kelly, Local Government Member

Staff:

James T. Merrow, Acting Executive Director Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I

Visitor(s):

Sharon Bloom, MDH

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

1(a). The Agenda was reviewed and adopted with corrections. Motion was made to accept. Motion passed. Vote -6.

ITEM 2 Approval of Minutes

(Bruce Bowman was out of the room)

2(a). Open Session Minutes from the August 1, 2018 Meeting were reviewed for approval. Motion was made to accept with revisions. Motion passed. Vote -5 (Bruce Bowman Returned to the meeting)

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report

3(a). The Board Chair introduced the new Board member, Erin Kelly appointed July 2018 for the Local Government Representation. Ms. Kelly reviewed her background and experience.

3(b). Tabled from the August 1, 2018 meeting – The Board received a request for a response in writing from Steven Krieg, Regional Consultant. Mr. Krieg inquired if the Baltimore County Plumbing Inspectors required an Environmental Health Specialists license to perform inspection of septic tanks. Bert Nixon, after review of the matter and speaking with Baltimore County Officials, he equated the inspection by the plumbers the same as a follow up inspection by an Environmental Health Aide. Plans and designs of these types of systems are still approved in Baltimore County by Environmental Health Specialist staff. There was a motion to have a letter drafted by the Board Counsel to be reviewed at the December 5, 2018 meeting.

Motion passed. Vote - 6

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report

- **4(a)** At the time of the October Agenda preparation there are 206 licensees who have completed their continuing education credits for their license renewal. This number is ahead from the prior licensing cycle.
- **4(b).** The July 2017-June 2018 Annual Report was presented for the Board members. The Annual Report is posted on the Board's website.
- **4(c).** Information for the New Board Member Orientation was provided to include a letter form the Secretary to include all information regarding the orientation.
- **4(d).** 8 members have completed the Open Meeting Act Training. A motion was made to list the members in the Minutes who completed the training. Motion was accepted. Vote 6

Members who have completed the training are listed below:

1. Bert Nixon

6. Bruce Bowman

2. Linda Rudie

7. Jasen Lau

3. Veronica Moore

8. Erin Kelly

- 4. Naomi Howell
- 5. Ann Rose
- **4(e).** The August 7, 2018 Exam had 16 candidates take the exam. 9 of the candidates passed the exam. All 9 candidates have paid their initial license fee and their licenses had been issued. The passing candidate's names are listed below:

1. Prabesh Bajracharya

6. Bonnie Griesmer

2. Thomas Balladarsch

7. William Jacobs

3. Anusua Biswas

8. Austin Potts

4. Rachel Churn

9. Sean Stein

5. Julienne Ekor-Tah

All license expiration dates are kept at the same expiration date, therefore when the folks who become licensed in April during the 2nd year of a licensing cycle those folks will have an expiration date reflected on their license the same as the folks who will renew in June.

4(f). An e-mail was sent out on September 11, 2018 informing all licensees that the Board's website was down and that IT was working to address the problem. The e-mail also informed that the April, 2019 exam was being moved to the earlier date of being to March 2019 to allow the staff to focus on license renewals.

4(g). Stats from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 26
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 568
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 84
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 149

ITEM 5 Credentialing:

5(a). Fantahun Bizuneh – Applied with the Board and meets the requirements. Took the NEHA exam direct with NEHA and passed. Adhering to Health Occupations Statute 21-304 C3 Mr. Bizuneh is seeking approval of his experience while employed with Prince George's County Health Department to act as his in-training period. A motion was made to request Prince George's County Job Announcement, revised letter from Mr. Bizueneh's supervisor, new hire

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notification and the position description. Motion passed Vote -5, 1 opposed 5(b). Meghan Johnson – letters were submitted requesting that Ms. Johnson's in training period be reduced to the 12 month in-training period. She is hopeful to take the December 2018 exam. Motion was made to approve the reduction of the in-training period to 12 months. Motion passed. Vote -6

ITEM 6 Legislative/Regulations

6(a). The change to the Board's Regulation to do away with the reference to late fees is scheduled to be passed in December.

6(b). James Merrow reviewed the history of the General Fund being moved to Special Fund. Three Annual Reports have reflected the revenue and shortfall. A private sponsor, preferably a sponsor on the Finance Committee, is recommended to request the change from Special funds to General funds.

ITEM 7 Work Force Work Group

No Report.

ITEM 8 Continuing Education

8(a). Lloyd Harmon, License #000691, as requested at the August 1, 2018 meeting, re-submitted the following training to be reviewed for continuing education credits:

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

A motion was made to approve the Cultural Competency for Community Management of Special Needs Patients in Disaster for 4 continuing education credits. In addition, a letter to be drafted to Mr. Harmon with the Board's decision and inform him that continuing education training needs to be technically related to the profession. Motion passed. Vote - 6

ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (9)

- 1. Thomas Balladarsch
- 2. Juieanna Ekor-Tah
- 3. Bonnie Griesemer
- 4. William Jacobs
- 5. Sean Stein

- 6. Austin Potts
- 7. Prabesh Bajracharya
- 8. Anusus Biswas
- 9. Rachel Churn

License Reactivations (1)

1. Karen Hewitt

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In-Training Certificates Issued: (9)

- 1. James Bowen 6. Naseem Azadi 2. Barisua Ikpe 7. Natisha Joseph 3. Paris Newman 8. Hailey Allen 4. Jennifer Kennev 9. Robert Maffei
- 5. Amanda Losardo

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (27)

1.	Sabrina Figler	Lauren Couch	21. Anthony Pennington
2.	Mailyn Aviles Ramirez	12. Shane Evans	22. Hailey Allen
3.	Anamda Losardo	Holly Leymeister	23. Alexis Bryant
4.	Alexis Capes	14. Lilian Schneider	24. Christopher Singleton
5.	Maria-Angelis Salvi	15. Parisa Soleimanifar	25. Nicole Suejda
6.	Kerri Springer	16. Kristen Elmore	26. Thomas Kotlar
7.	Kamal Khan	17. Katherine Laird	27. Christopher Smack
8.	Kelsey Green	18. Daniel Wooddell	
9.	Rena Blakely	19. Aubrey Harbaugh	

Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (6)

- 1. David Hislop
- 2. Timothy LaRonde
- 3. Barry Jones, II
- 4. Beatrice Babalola
- 5. William Alzado
- 6. Wondale Amare

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

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

1. Justin Swick – Did not meet the course requirements.

Adjourn: 12:17 P.M.

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At 12:17 P.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 1:30 P.M.

Bert Nixon Veronica Moore

Board Chair Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: January 9, 2019 Date: January 9, 2019