

MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

**Howard County Bureau of Utilities Bldg
8270 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia, Md. 21045**

September 7, 2016

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: **Robert Sheesley, Board Chair**
 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

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

Visitor: Sharon Bloom, DHMH Health Workforce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 A.M. by Robert Sheesley the Board Chair.

Pursuant to State Government article 10-508 (12) of the Annotated Code at 12:10 P.M. the members present voted to meet in administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The administrative session ended at 12:15 P.M.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 3, 2016 Open Session meeting were reviewed and approved with revision. Motion to accept the minutes with revision. Motion granted. 6 votes.

ITEM 2 Additions or Revisions to the Agenda:

Addition to Item 3 Executive Director Report, 3G, announcement of the upcoming New Board Member Orientation on December 14, 2016.

ITEM 3 Board Chair Report:

Robert Sheesley

No Report

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report:

James Merrow

4a) Budget Reports were presented for review.

4b) 132 licensees have currently met their required continuing education credits for the 2017 license renewal.

4c) Voting of Officers – Nominations were named at the August 3, 2016 meeting. Voting did not take place at this meeting. The nominations were: Robert Sheesley, Board Chair, Bert Nixon, Vice Chair and Veronica Moore, Secretary.

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4d) The Board's first group licensee e-mail went out on August 15, 2016 providing all licensees and in-training employees (SIT's) of changes being made and to create an improved communication with licensees and SIT's regarding the Board's webpage and continuing education process.

4e) NEHA Exam – The August 24, 2016 score results had not been received as of this Board meeting.

4f) MDE Representation Board Seat – Kim Bennardi, Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations has been in contact with Maryland Department of the Environment to receive nomination names to fill this Board position.

ITEM 4

Credentialing:

4a) Kyle Bayley – Mr. Bayley and his supervisor had submitted a request to the Board asking that Mr. Bayley's 15 months of in-training be reviewed and to allow Mr. Bayley to sit for the next upcoming exam. A Motion was made to allow Mr. Bayley to sit for the next exam. The Motion was approved. 6 votes.

4b) Christopher Stecker – Mr. Steckler requested that the Board members review his application and transcript. He had received a non-eligible letter from the Board staff to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Motion was made to keep the letter of non-eligibility effective. Motion was approved. 6 votes.

4e) Julian Buthune-Brown – Mr. Buthune-Brown requested that the Board consider his past experience as his in-training period to sit for the exam at an earlier time-frame. The Board determined that the past experience submitted was not in the Environmental Health field. There was a motion to deny the request. The motion of denial was approved. 6 votes.

4f) Brandon Epps – Mr. Epps and his supervisor submitted a request for an extension of his in-training certificate. Board members approved the request for a 6 month extension.

ITEM 5

Legislative/Regulations Committee:

**Yvonne Deloatch, Bert Nixon,
Ari Elbaum, Linda Rudie
and Amy Parrish**

Regulations are still in the drafting process.

ITEM 6

Work Force Group:

Bert Nixon and Linda Rudie

The next meeting is September 23, 2016. To be discussed at the meeting is a plan to develop an Environmental Health Specialist classification that will give parity between management classifications and senior technical positions.

ITEM 7

Continuing Education Committee:

No Report

**Karen Brandt, Linda Rudie
and Yvonne Deloatch**

ITEM 8

Work Processed

Initial License Issued: (0)

License Reactivations (0)

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In-Training Certificates Issued: (6)

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| 1. Candice Thompson | 4. Modupe Akintomide |
| 2. Mouhaman Kola | 5. Julie Buchanan |
| 3. Akalu Hambisa | 6. Fern DeSilva |

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (13)

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| 1. Marji Johnson | 7. Joseph Meyers |
| 2. Kacey Revere | 8. Anabel Reyes |
| 3. Daniel Bosmajian | 9. Aliyah Jameer |
| 4. Philip McIntee | 10. Brian Kaiser |
| 5. Kassa Reta | 11. Chinedu Onugu |
| 6. Kara Hawkins | 12. Johnnie Gonzalez |
| | 13. Julian Buthune-Brown |

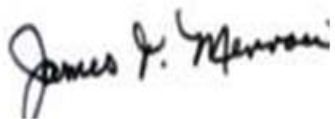
Extended Certificates of Eligibility Issued: (1)

1. Elizabeth Salami

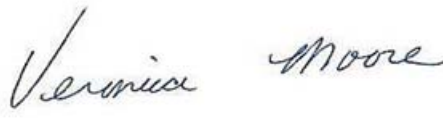
Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued: (0)

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

Adjourn: 12:15 P.M.



James T. Merrow
Acting Executive Director



Veronica Moore
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: October 5, 2016

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