



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

OCTOBER 6, 2021 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member
Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member

Absent: **Jasen Lau, Consumer Member**
Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel

Staff: **Bert Nixon, Executive Director**
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Deborah Donahue, Deputy Counsel

Visitors: **Kimberly Link, MDH**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda for the October 6, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition placed under Executive Director's Report. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. The Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 Prior Meeting Minutes

1(a). The Open Session Minutes from the August 4, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to Adopt the Minutes as submitted. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

1(b). The Open Session Minutes from the August 19, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Alan Heck made a Motion to Adopt the Minutes as amended. Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

2(a). Board Chair, Linda Rudie, welcomed Bert Nixon as the Executive Director to the Board.

2(b). Board Members were reminded of the New Board Member Orientation.

2(c). The Board will be moving to online payments, renewals and applications.

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ITEM 3 Executive Director Report

- 3(a).** Executive Director, Bert Nixon, discussed the splitting of licensing renewal cycles. The splitting could be by last name licensees A-L and M-Z.
- 3(b).** The 2021 license expiration current count has 279 licensees who have met their required continuing education credits. There are 157 licensees who have not yet been reviewed fully to determine if they met the continuing education requirement. Board staff continues with entering and updating the continuing education credits for the 2021 licensing cycle.
- 3(c).** Stats from the Licensing Database:
1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 31
 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 508
 3. Active In-Training Certificates – 98
 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 148
- 3(d).** Addition to the Agenda – Opinion No. 21-01 was provided for the Board to review. The Board voted in favor to post Opinion No. 21-01 on it's Webpage. 8 in favor, opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 4 Credentialing:

No requests or issues for this meeting.

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee

The Committee met and discussed changes to Certificate of Eligibility fees as well as the potential to change or alter regulations to utilize an audit model for continuing education credits. The audit type process needs further review. The Committee has not prepared a regulation draft yet.

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group

The group reported that Dr. Mitchell met with Environmental Health Directors and the Environmental Health Liaison Committee. There was a review sent to Budget and Management on the Environmental Sanitarian Series. There has been outreach to the Universities regarding Environmental Health Programs.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

- 7(a).** Listed below are the approved trainings presented at the October 6, 2021 for full Board ratification. Ann Rose made a Motion to approve with revisions. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
1. InForm 2021 Regional Meeting (Credits will vary by licensee attendance)
 2. Is My Water Safe To Drink (1.5) conditional license
 3. Core Level Module 4: Toxicity of Pesticides (2)
 4. 2021 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition Three Part Virtual Series (Various CUs's per licensee attendance) up to 17
 5. Traceback Investigations (20)
 6. Control of Listeria Processing Environments (2)
 7. Low Water Activity Foods Safety Series: Part 3 of 4 – Microbiological Safety of Dried Spices (1)

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8. How Not to Put the “No” in Innovation: How to Make Food Safety and Product Development Collaborations Work! (1)
9. FSPCA Preventative Controls for Human Food Part 1 (12)
10. FSPCA Preventative Controls for Human Food Part 2 (8)
11. IAFP’s A Changing Environment: Impacts on Seafood Safety (1)
12. IAFP’s Food Safety Culture – Part 6 of 7: Dynamic Leadership by Supervisor’s = Strong Organizational Cultures (1)
13. IAFP’s Food Safety Culture – Part 4 of 7: SQF and Culture Improvements – Hear Practical Learnings From Two Companies (1)
14. Food Safety Culture – Part 3 of 6: Latest Food Safety Culture Research From Four Doctoral Researchers (1)
15. Food Safety Culture – Part 1 of 6: How to get Buy-In, Develop Metrics, and Properly Implement (1)
16. CFP Biennial Meeting Workshop (3)
17. Specialized Processes: Acidified Foods (1)

Continuing Education Approved for the 2021-2023 Licensing Cycle

1. Here They Come: New Diseases Caused by Familiar Bugs (1)
2. ACE 2018: Food Safety – New Guidance and Resources on Cannabis and Food Safety (.5)
3. Is My Water Safe to Drink (1.5) New license cycle
4. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – VeCToR: Vector Control Tools and Resources (1)
5. First Confirmed Case of Imported Zika Virus in Houston, Texas: Preventing Transmission (1)
6. Water Sampler Certification (3)
7. Milk Plant Sanitation and Inspection (18)
8. 2021 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition Three Part Virtual Series (Various CEU’s per licensees attendance)
9. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – When There is a Will, There is a Way: Evolution of Ebola Outbreak Response (1)
10. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Vectorborne Disease Communication: What People Want to Know and How to Help Them Help Themselves (.5)
11. Environmental Health Specialists: Fishing for Fleas (1)
12. EHTER – Awareness Level – Shelters (2)
13. Dangerous Underwater Breath-Holding Behavior-Related Drownings in NY, 1988-2011 (1)
14. Body Art and Environmental Health (1)
15. Evaluation of Swimming Pool Treatment Chemical Health Effects Under NSF/ANSI Standard 50 (1)

ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed

Naomi Howell made a motion to approve the work processed. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

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Initial Licenses Issued (13)

1. Gloria Choe (7-19-21 exam)
2. Sabrina Ozeryan (7-15-21 exam)
3. Sheyenne Stubbs (21-306, exam waiver person licensed in other states)
4. James Bowen (8-5-21 exam)
5. Bethany Liberto (8-17-21 exam)
6. William Hopkins (8-17-21 exam)
7. Andrew Oliver (8-19-21 exam)
8. Steven Brunner (8-17-21 exam)
9. Brian Rice (8-5-21 exam)
10. Robert Harmon (8-20-21 exam)
11. Lauren Couch (8-20-21 exam)
12. Wendpanga Bonkougou (8-17-21 exam)
13. Morgan Jackson-Sutton (8-31-21 exam)

License Reactivation (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (30)

1. Matthew Strosnider
2. Kayla Jones
3. Shurrell Hester
4. Nathan Smith
5. Sheyene Stubbs
6. Korinne Nelson
7. Ronald Swanston, III
8. Peter Umoreign
9. Emmanuel Ehizibolo
10. Isabella Pannone
11. Gunnar Ward
12. Andres Solano Padilla
13. Colleen Naegar
14. Ruwan Alwis
15. Joshua Campbell
16. Joshua Blanchard
17. Lauryn Meyer
18. Mikala Stephenson
19. Brooks Carr
20. Bryant Wallizer
21. George Rawlings
22. Joshua Potts
23. Michael Kaminskis
24. Devin Baker
25. Marie Fouche
26. Rowan Weber
27. Edward Jefferson
28. Sade Gowens

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- 29. Zeeshan Ghauri
- 30. Adriene King-Ducre

In-Training Certificates Issued (15)

- 1. Season Clark
- 2. Paris Newman
- 3. Aiesha Lee
- 4. Brian Rice (Board approved extended Certificate)
- 5. Nathaniel Woodrow
- 6. Joshua Cho
- 7. Gunner Ward
- 8. Avery Dunn
- 9. Andres Solano Padilla
- 10. Meresa Adula
- 11. Matthew Strosnider
- 12. Jaime Park
- 13. Kristen Geroski
- 14. Josha Pilkerton
- 15. Angela Middleton

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

Adjourn – At 12:47 PM a motion was made by Naomi Howell to close the Open Session. Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.



Linda Rudie
Board Chair



Bert Nixon
Executive Director

Date: 12-1-21

Date: 12/1/2021