

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

JANUARY 12, 2022 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member
Jasen Lau, Consumer Member

Absent:

Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member

Staff:

Bert Nixon, Executive Director
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel
Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda for the January 12, 2022 meeting was reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Amy Parrish provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

ITEM 1

1 (a). Certificate Holder and her supervisor submitted written requests to the Board for her in-training certificate to be extended. Amy Parrish made a motion to approve the one-time 6-month extension of the in-training certificate. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 1 abstained (Ann Rose), 0 opposed.

2(b). Certificate holder and her supervisor submitted written requests to the Board to have her in-training period reduced from 24 months to 12 months. Amy Parrish made a motion to approve the in-training period reduction request from 24 months to 12 months. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

ITEM 2

2(a). SB113 Environmental Health Specialists and On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Transfer of Responsibilities and Standards, Regulations, Applications and Plans. Ann Rose made a motion to oppose legislation as presented. Matthew Cumers provided a 2nd to the motion.

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Motion passed. 6 in favor, 1 abstained (Naomi Howell), 0 opposed.

Bert Nixon will prepare the Opposition Position Letter and submit it to Lillian Reese.

During the Legislation Session, the Board will meet weekly on Wednesdays if there is legislation that will affect the Board or its licensees. The Board members will be notified and the tentative meetings will be posted on the Board's website.

ITEM 3

3(a).CEU Update: Bert Nixon gave an update on the process of reviewing CEUs for the 2021 renewal cycle.

Adjourn – At 11:00 a.m. a motion was made by Matthew Cumers to adjourn the Open Session. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

At 11:05 a.m., the same Board members present at the open session convened an administrative function session to discuss confidential disciplinary cases.



Linda Rudie,
Board Chair



Bert Nixon,
Executive Director

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