



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

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2022

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member
Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member (exited meeting at 10:35 a.m.)
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member
Tonisha Melvin, Consumer Member

Absent: Lewis Brown, Consumer Member

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

Visitors: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Bert Nixon adjusted the agenda to begin with Item 5 - Draft Proposed 2023 Legislative Amendments for Discussion. Matthew Cumers made a motion to accept the agenda as revised. Naomi Howell provided a second to the motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

ITEM 1 Board Meeting Minutes

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the April 6, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matthew Cumers provided a second to the motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstention, 0 opposed.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report — Linda Rudie

2(a). Nominations for officers were as follows:
Board Chair – Linda Rudie
Board Vice Chair – Alan Heck

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Board Secretary – Tonisha Melvin

Alan Heck made a motion to accept all nominated officers. Tonisha Melvin provided a second to the Motion. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

ITEM 3 Executive Director Report— Bert Nixon

3(a). Letters (first and second notification) have been sent to all licensees who, based upon current available information, did not meet the continuing education requirements for the 2021 renewal cycle. The letters notified these licensees that they must submit any missing training by the prescribed timelines or they will receive notice that they have been placed on nonrenewed status.

3 (b). Stats from the licensing database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 32
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 526
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 120
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 171

3 (c). Examination stats:

1. Number of passing exam scores since the April meeting – 5.
2. Number of failing exam scores – 2.

3 (d). In-person Board Meetings – Not mentioned/discussed.

3 (e). Vacant Board Positions as of June 30, 2022:

1. Amy Parrish – Private Industry: No replacement has yet been identified. Members can stay until a replacement is found.
2. Ann Rose – At Large Member: A possible replacement has been identified and is currently going through the vetting process. Ann Rose can stay with the Board until the replacement has been confirmed.

3 (f). Election of Officers and Committee Members.

1. The election of Officers was addressed under the Board Chair Report.
2. The Continuing Education Committee, with Ann Rose’s term ending June 30, 2022, needed a volunteer. Matthew Cumers volunteered to participate on the Continuing Education Committee. Alan Heck made a motion to accept Matthew Cumers on the Continuing Education Committee, Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

3(g). Discussions have been taking place regarding the security breach. The MDH Group (OET) and DoIT are the available options for reconnection. A number of boards are collaborating on the best available option for reconnecting. A follow-up meeting with DoIT has been scheduled.

3(h). Update on Scanning and Docuexplorer: The scanning project to scan all active LEHS and in-training EHS files came to a halt after many ongoing discussions. State Archives will not approve the scanning portion of the project. Efforts to find an alternative through MD Works have started. Timing is key to utilize available FY22 funding. The Docuexplorer project is moving forward and a number of boards have signed on to utilize this scanning platform.

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3(i). EHS Information Tool – An Environmental Health Specialists information sheet has been created and distributed to Environmental Health Directors and to be placed on the Board’s website. The sheet includes the definition of an Environmental Health Specialist and the process for licensure, along the minimum requirements for application. This document can also be used as a tool for potential recruitments and at job fairs.

ITEM 4 Credentialing

No requests for this meeting.

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Review Committee—Linda Rudie, Matthew Cumers, and Ann Rose

5 (a). The Draft Proposed 2023 Legislative Amendments were reviewed. Alan Heck made a Motion to accept the draft with revisions to 21-312 and 21-314. Matthew Cumers provided a second to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group—Linda Rudie and Naomi Howell

No Update.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee—Ann Rose, Alan Heck, and Amy Parrish

The training requests approved by the Continuing Education Committee since the April 6, 2022 Board meeting are listed below. Matthew Cumers made a motion to ratify the approval of the trainings listed below. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

Ratified trainings:

1. Community and Citizen Science 1
2. Food Safety Culture 1.5
3. Intro to Mosquito Control 4
4. Zika and Other Mosquito Borne Diseases 2
5. Respiratory Protection 2
6. Conference For Food Protection, Pre-Biennial Meeting Sessions 6.5
7. Conference For Food Protection, Biennial Meeting Sessions 25.5
8. 2022 Maryland Delaware Water Well Association Annual Convention 4.75 (varies by LEHS)
9. 8-Hour Hazwoper Refresher 8
10. Is My Water Safe To Drink? - Common Questions about Private Wells 1.75
11. Digital Defense – Food Safety: COVID-19 Response: The Interconnection of Environmental Health and Infectious Disease 0.5
12. Assessing the Toxicity of PFAS Chemicals to Aquatic Organisms 1
13. Special Processes at Retail FD 312 20
14. Community Noise Enforcement 16
15. Writing a HACCP-Based Food Safety Plan for Schools: Pilot 18.75

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16. Private Domestic Wells: Determining the Density by Census Block and Understanding Potential Sources of Contamination 1.5
17. SWPI 108 - Assurance: Assuring a Competent Workforce 1
18. Body Art Webinar: Identification of Implant Grade Jewelry 1.5
19. National Response Framework, An Introduction IS-00800.d 3
20. Mid-Atlantic Tick Summit XI 5.5
21. Harford County Health Department Radiological Training 2022 6.5
22. Arsenic Issues and Treatment 6
23. MDH - Incident Command System (ICS) Prep Course 1
24. Visible Emissions Evaluation Field Training and Certification 2
25. Webinar on Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible 3
26. New Era of Smarter Food Safety Summit on E-Commerce: Ensuring the Safety of Foods Ordered Online and Delivered Directly to Consumers 15 (hours may vary)
27. CASA 349th Quarterly Meeting (04-22-2022) 2
28. MDE/EH Director's Meeting 3
29. 2022 Maryland Beaches Program Workshop 2
30. Well Care 101 - What You Need to Know to Protect your Family (Various dates) 2
31. A Data Driven and Inter-Disciplinary Approach to Protect the Health of Private Well User AEC 2019: Water - A Data-Driven and Interdisciplinary Approach to Protect the Health of Private Well User 1
32. AEC 2019: Water - Effective Online and Offline Strategies to Engage Private Well Owners 1.5
33. ACE 2019: Water - Private Well Testing Trends Across the United States 1
34. Water - Improving Systems and Regulations to Protect Public Health: Identifying Ways to Move Forward Together 1
35. Hexavalent Chromium in San Bernardino County: The Impact of the Maximum Contaminant Level Invalidation to Small Public Water Systems 1
36. Water - Evaluating the Use of In-situ Immobilization Sorbents to Minimize Drinking Water Contamination Resulting from PFAS Contaminated Soils 0.5
37. Wilted Woes and Human and Animal Food 2 East Quarterly Meeting 3.5
38. Standardizations Preparations LSO Training 2.6
39. 2022 Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Virtual Training 17
40. Monarch Open House and Training 7
41. Surface Water Treatment 7
42. Process and Performance Troubleshooting 7
43. Overview of Wastewater Treatment 7
44. Introduction to Water Basics 7
45. Radiological Monitoring and Decontamination Exercise 3.5
46. Professional Swimming Pool Operator's Course 13.25
47. 104th Annual Educational and Training Seminar 16
48. NCAEHA 2022 Spring Educational Conference 5.5
49. FDA 204 Temporary Food Establishments 18

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- 50. RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Refresher Online Course 7
- 51. Source Water Protection and Harmful Algal Blooms 1
- 52. Integrated Pest Management - Managing Bed Bugs with Limited Resources 1.5
- 53. Conducting Acidified Food Inspections FD202W100 7
- 54. Juicing at Retail FD8008W 2
- 55. 2022 MARAMA Compliance and Enforcement Virtual Workshop 13.5
- 56. Ethics for Soils Professionals: The Gray Areas 1
- 57. Traceback Investigations ER220 20

Rejected Courses: None

ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued (6)

- 1. Angelese Davis (3-21-22 exam)
- 2. Andualem Esubalew (NEHA Exam taken prior to application – Board approved application.)
- 3. Lee Douglas (4-22-22 exam)
- 4. Scott Leroy (21-306 – waiver of exam- persons in another state)
- 5. Tyler O’Neal (5-9-22 exam)
- 6. Victoria Mucciacciaro (5-22-22 exam)

License Reactivation (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (10)

- 1. David Smith
- 2. Becka Rosenberger
- 3. Emma Black
- 4. Ashlyn Dishman
- 5. Patrick Ervin
- 6. Michael Dhillon
- 7. Ari Cacopardo
- 8. Asha Amollo
- 9. Yonas Abebe
- 10. Henry Ollie

Extended Certificate of Eligibility Issued (0)

In-Training Certificates Issued (14)

- 1. Tiruneh Hawaz
- 2. Kathleen Sann
- 3. David Yoon
- 4. Attilah Edges
- 5. Matthew Boyle
- 6. Ben Su
- 7. Devon Rappaport

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8. Eric Kareem
9. Janee Rhone
10. Tasha Meddaugh
11. Jacey Brooks
12. Allison Graf
13. Nicole Bowman
14. Rita Bastola

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (2)

1. William Reusing, Jr.
2. Shayna Kirschenbaum

Adjournment

At 11:55 a.m., Matthew Cumers made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and go into Administrative Session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed.



Linda Rudie,
Board Chair



Bert Nixon,
Executive Director

Date: August 3, 2022

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