



MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
April 6, 2022 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
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member
Tonisha Melvin, Consumer Member
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member

Absent: **Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member**

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

Visitors:

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA The Agenda for the April 6, 2022 meeting was reviewed. Alan Heck made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition to Credentialing 4(d). Lewis Brown provided a 2nd to the Motion. The motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

ITEM 1 Review for Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

1 (a). Open Session Minutes from the February 2, 2022 were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck made a motion to approve as amended. Matthew Cumers provided the 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 1 abstention, Amy Parrish, 0 opposed

1 (b). Open Session Minutes from the March 16, 2022 were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck made a Motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Matthew Cumers provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 1 Abstained, Amy Parrish, 0 opposed

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

Linda Rudie

2 (a). Linda Rudie welcomed and introduced Tonisha “Toni” Melvin, Consumer Member to the Board. Tonisha reviewed her background to the members and mentioned that she had met With Bert and Donna and was provided information on the Board and her role as the Consumer Member.

ITEM 3 Executive Director Report

Bert Nixon

3 (a). Board members were reminded to complete their ethics/disclosure by April 30, 2022.

3 (b). Currently the Board has 11 licensees who have completed their continuing education requirement for the 2023 license expiration period. There are 40 licensees who still may not have met the continuing education requirement for the 2021 licensing expiration period. This number is

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expected to go down with the ongoing entering continuing education credits. A number of these licensees had been issued a letter from the Board informing them that they may face being put into non-renewed status. They are working with the Board to submit any missing/outstanding continuing education submittals. Katherine Cummings, Board Council will prepare a letter for the licensees who will be put into non-renewed status.

3 (c). Stats from the licensing database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 31
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 520
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 110
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 175

3 (d). The number of passing exam scores since the February meeting – 5

3 (e). In person Board Meetings – To be tabled until the June meeting.

3 (f). Discussion of documentation sent to the Board for name changes – cognizant of PII Information. Bert will check with other Board's.

3 (g). COOP Plan and scanning imitative – In December the Board's were asked to respond and prepare a COOP plan, Bert completed and submitted the plan in early March.

ITEM 4 Credentialing

4 (a). Austin Ross – Request for reduction of in-training period. Letters from Mr. Ross and his supervisor were reviewed. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to approve the reduction. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

4 (b). Douglas Lee - Request for reduction of in-training period. Letters from Mr. Lee and his supervisor were reviewed. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to approve the reduction. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

4 (c). Andualem Esubalew – Applicant for the full Board to review. Applicant had already taken and passed the NEHA exam, submitted to the Board with his education update and work experience. The World Education Translated Transcript read 3-year undergrad. This review highlighted a unique set of circumstances. The coursework on the translated transcript met the criteria of the Board. Board Counsel cited COMAR 10.60.02.01B(3). Amy Parrish made a Motion to license the applicant. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

4 (d). Marilyn Wise - Request for reduction of in-training period. Letters from Ms. Wise and her supervisor were reviewed. Amy Parrish made a Motion to reduce the in-training period. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

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

5 (a). Draft Regulation review – Bert Nixon reviewed the drafted regulations. Linda Rudie reviewed each drafted revision. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to accept the drafted Regulations. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 1 opposed, Amy Parrish

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group Linda Rudie and Naomi Howell

No Report.

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ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

**Ann Rose, Alan Heck and
Amy Parrish**

7 (a). HIPPA and Privacy Act Training submitted for the full Board to review. Matthew Cumers made a Motion to accept this training. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the Motion. 7 in favor, 0 abstained, 1 opposed, Amy Parrish

7 (b). Below are the approved continuing education requests ratified at the April 6, 2022 Meeting.

1. Onsite System Inspections - Practices and Procedures 7
2. Pest Control in Food Establishments 1
3. 2022 NCAEHA Annual Winter Conference 4
4. Interstate Pest Management Conference 6
5. Environmental Resilience Tools Wizard 1
6. Maryland's Inaugural Statewide Brownfield Conference: Toward Beneficial Reuse 8
7. Freshwater Explorers Interactive Map of Water Quality 1
8. VCEHP 101: Vector-Borne Diseases of Public Importance 1
9. Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Service Providers Certification Program 8.25
10. The Private Well Course - Section 5 1
11. What Environmental Health Professionals Need to Know about Private Wells 2
12. Custom Processing of Meats at Retail FD8006W 2
13. Shellfish Tanks at Retail FD8007W 2
14. Fermentation at Retail FD8009W 2
15. Juicing FD8008W 2
16. IS-00700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System 4
17. Environmental Health and Land Reuse 10
18. HIPPA and Privacy Act Training 3

ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued (3)

1. Danielle Huston Hakey (2-11-22 exam)
2. Avery Dunn (2-17-22 exam)
3. Patrick Seaman (3-4-22 exam)

License Reactivation (2)

1. Casie Handleman – Reactivated from inactive license status
2. Anna Craig – Reactivated from non-renewed license status

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (15)

1. Micharl Tkach
2. Nicolas Boyle
3. Bageru Ayana
4. Che Gaskins
5. Ben Su
6. Lillian Pletcher
7. Travis Mansfield
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9. Rachel Williams
10. William Cheatham
11. Eric Kareem
12. Attilah Edges
13. Andrea Phelps
14. Janee Rhone
15. Rebecca Elliott

Extended Certificate of Eligibility Issued (3)

1. Colin McCoy
2. Michelle Lincoln
3. Channing Jackson

In-Training Certificates Issued (11)

1. Austin Ross
2. Dana Cannon
3. Virginia Jeppi
4. Morgan Gingles
5. Rowan Weber
6. Colin McCoy
7. Angela Blose
8. Luke Barragan
9. Nicholas Boyle
10. Robert Beichler, III
11. Luke Barragan

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

Adjourn – At 12:35 p.m. a motion was made by Alan Heck to close the Open Session. Matthew Cumers provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. 8 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed



Linda Rudie,
Board Chair

Bert Nixon,
Executive Director

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