



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

June 7, 2023 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Matthew Cumers, Board Chair, Local Health Department Member
Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member
Tonisha Melvin, Board Secretary, Consumer Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member
Bonnie Harbin, At Large Member
Amy Parrish, Private Sector (Joined at 10:55 a.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Lewis Brown, Consumer Member

Staff and Visitors:

Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel
Bert Nixon, Executive Director
James Merrow, Board Staff
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Kimberly Link, MDH
Lilliam Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Sherri Williams, Department of Health
Zakiyyah Holms

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Matthew Cumers, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda was reviewed. Alan Heck provided a motion to adopt the Agenda as submitted. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 1 Review of the Prior Meeting Open Session Meeting Minutes

1(a). The April 12, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Alan Heck made a motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

2(a). Continuing Education – The current process has been a struggle and requires reform. Members need to work together to reform the current process to be discussed at a future meeting.
2(b). Online Renewals – Bert Nixon wants more clarity on how the licensing system will be impacted by the creation of online renewals. Matthew Cumers stated that the Secretary wants to push for online renewals.

ITEM 3 Executive Director Report

3(a). Scanning Project – Currently all files are paper. Working toward electronic files.

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3(b). New Board Members – An email had been received for the new Board members who will begin in July.

3(c). Statistics from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists - 543
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 125
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 190

3(g). Number of Exam passing scores since the prior Meeting – 5

3(h). Number of failing scores since the Prior – 5

ITEM 4 Credentialing

4(a). The Board received one request for reduction of the in-training period.

1. Brook Zibell – Alan Heck made a motion to approve the reduced in-training period. Tonisha Melvin provided a 2nd to the motion.
Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee:

5(a). Draft Regulations for the full Board to review. Alan Heck made a motion to approve as drafted. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group

No report.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

Alan Heck announced to the Board that his term was ending on June 30, 2023. He will be available for reviewing continuing Education through June 26, 2023. Alan expressed his passion for the Environment Health Specialist field and his pleasure serving on the Board. Bonnie Harbin will review continuing Education after Alan’s term ends and Matthew offered to assist if a second opinion is needed.

Alan Heck made a motion to ratify the below-listed continuing education courses approved by the Board since the prior Board meeting. Bonnie Harbin provided a 2nd to the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Course Title	Approved Credits
1. U.S. EPA Small Drinking Water Systems Pathogens – 1	
2. WRF Techlink: Smart Monitoring and Data Analytics – 1	
3. EJ Tools Demonstration – 1	
4. Innovative Ways to Monitor and Reduce Nox Emissions – 1	
5. Water Well Chemistry 101 – 2	
6. Food Code Chapter 3: Part 1 (FDAFC03 Ver2.0) – 1	
7. General Environmental Health: A Brief History of Environmental Health – 1	
8. General Environmental Health: Discussing Sanitation Similarities between the US and Developing World – 1	

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9. General Environmental Health: Diverting Food Waste from Commercial Food Establishments: Two Success Stories from Central Oregon – 1
10. RPSS 2022 – Day 1 General Session – 2
11. RPSS 2022 – Day 1 Track 1 – Roadmap for Success with RPS; Why enroll in RPS? -1
12. RPSS 2022 – Day 1 Track 2- Technology to Assist with Maintenance of RPS Records/Supporting Docs -1
13. RPSS 2022 – Day 1 Track 3 – Sustaining RPS Activities/Having a Succession Plan - 1
14. RPSS 2022 – Day 2 General Session – 2
15. RPSS 2022 – Day 2 Tract 1 – What is an initial Self-Assessment; SA/VA Gap Analysis Tool; Continuous Strategic Improvement Plan (CSIP) – 1
16. RPSS 2022 – Day 2 Track 3 – Mentorship Program – 2
17. RPSS 2022- Day 3 General Session – 2
18. RPSS 2022 – Day 3 Track 1 – Mentorship Programs (NACCHO) – 1
19. RPSS 2022 – Day 3 Track 2 – What Does a Retail Program Standards Coordinator Do? – 1
20. RPSS 2022- Day 3 Track 3 – Retail Program Standards Networks/Champions – 1
21. Health and Safety: Evaluation of Swimming Pool Treatment Chemical Health Effects Under NSF/ANSI Standard 50 – 1
22. Health and Safety: Recommendations for Reducing Cryptosporidium Infection Risk in Swimming Pools – 1
23. Health and Safety: Swimming Pool Technologies: Are These the Answer? -1
24. Inspections and Training: Reducing Drownings Through Epidemiology and Interventions – 1
25. Technology and Innovation: Advanced Chemistry and its Impact on Disinfection – 1
26. Environmental Justice Professional Development – 1
27. VOWRA 2022 Conference and Trade Show – 14
28. MOWPA Soil Evaluation for Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems (May 4&5 2023) – 14
29. Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) (11-2-22) – 1
30. Zoonoses and One Health Updates (ZOHU) (2-2-22) – 1
31. COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar Series: Storing and Handling Vaccines: Expiration Date, Beyond-Use Date, and Beyond-Use Time -1
32. Immunization: You Call the Shots-Module Ten-Storage and Handling – 2022 – 1
33. Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) (4-6-22) – 1
34. Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) (5-4-22) – 1
35. Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) (6-1-22) – 1
36. Zoonoses and One Health Updates (ZOHU) (3-2-22) – 1
37. Zoonoses and One Health Updates (ZOHU) (9-1-21) – 1
38. Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) Program Grand Rounds Webinar Series – Food Additives and Child Health (5-19-21) – 1
39. CASA 105 th Annual Conference – 14
40. MOWPA Septic Systems 102 – 6
41. Youth Camp Regulation Training 2023 – 6
42. ServSafe Certification - 8

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ITEM 8 Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (6)

1. Sarah Stevanus (3-20-23 exam)
2. Colin McCoy (3-24-23 exam)
3. Meghan Paulus (3-10-23 exam)
4. Joshua Pilkerton (3-10-23 exam)
5. Alicia Oscar (3-3-23 exam)
6. Andres Solano Padilla (5-1-23 exam)

8(b). License Reactivation (0)

8(c). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (10)

1. Alexander Bull
2. Pamela Maloy
3. Benjamin Anderson
4. Khamis Farag
5. Christopher Brown
6. Lakishia James
7. Augustus Wade
8. Kareem Robinson
9. Donna Simmons
10. Edward Arellano (extended Certificate)

8(d). In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

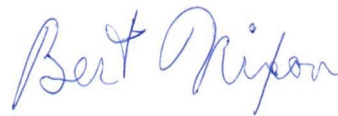
1. Megan Bush
2. Benjamin Anderson
3. Jessica Gregory
4. Emmanuel Ehizibob
5. Shepsura Page
6. Jordan Catrombon

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

Naomi Howell made a motion to adjourn the Open Session. Alan Heck provided a 2nd to the motion. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



Matthew Cumers,
Board Chair
Date: August 2, 2023



Bert Nixon,
Executive Director
Date: August 2, 2023