

**State of Maryland  
Board of Environmental Health Specialists**



**Open Session Agenda  
OCTOBER 7, 2020 BOARD MEETING, GOOGLE MEETS CALL IN  
10:00 AM**

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**Call to order** – Linda Rudie, Board Chair

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ITEM 1      Review for approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

**1(a).** Open Session Minutes from the August 5, 2020 Board Meeting for review and approval.  
**(Attachment)**

**ITEM 2      Board Chair Report**

**Linda Rudie**

**2(a).** Introduction and welcome of Lewis Brown, Consumer representation.

**ITEM 3      Executive Director Report**

**James Merrow**

**3(a).** Licensees are inquiring if the required 20 continuing education credits will be needed at license renewal. Currently the Board has 75 licensees who have met or exceeded their continuing education credits for their license renewal. However, many licensees are taking training online and obtaining 1 or possibly 2 credits. Many of the usual training courses such as CASA along with other usual training are not being scheduled due to COVID-19.

**3(c).** Stats from the Licensing Database:

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 560
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 96
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 227

**ITEM 4      Credentialing**

**4(a).** Request to the Board for a reduction of in-training period. Letters from the certificate holder and the supervisor are attached. This certificate was issued February 4, 2019, the expiration date for this certificate is February 4, 2022 and the eligible date to take the National exam is February 4, 2021. This certificate holder met the NEHA requirements to take the exam. The exam was taken on August 31, 2022 with a passing score. The Board cannot issue a license without the Board's approval.

**(Attachment)**

**Credentialing Continued**

**4(b).** Request to the Board for a reduction of in-training period. Letters from the certificate holder and the supervisor are attached. This certificate was issued January 22, 2019, the expiration date for this certificate is January 22, 2020 and the eligible date to take the National exam is January 22, 2021.

**(Attachment)**

**ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Linda Rudie, Matthew Cumers  
and Jason Lau**

Confirmation has been received that Delegate Bhandari is on Board to sponsor our Bill on 2021 along with Senator Klausmeier.

**ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group: Linda Rudie and Naomi Howell**

**6(a).** Update/Report

**ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Amy Parrish, Ann Rose  
And Alan Heck**

**7(a).** Below are the approved training requests since the last meeting to be ratified at this meeting:

1. General Environmental Health – A Conversation with EPA’s Public Health Leaders (1)
2. Water - PFOS/PFOA Contamination is a Problem and NSF’s P473 May Be a Solution (.5)
3. Emergency Preparedness – Disasters on the Rise: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Harris County’s Environmental Health Perspective (HCPH) on the 2017 Hurricanes (1.5)
4. Emergency Preparedness – Grand Session Kickoff (1)
5. Emergency Preparedness – Health Effects from Wildfires: The Epidemiological Data and Tools/Resources to Meet and Address a Burgeoning Public Health Crises (1.5)
6. The Battery of Things: Lithium Battery Safety (1)
7. Arsenic Issues and Treatment (7)
8. Water Well Inspector Training (4.5)
9. Wood Products MACT Update Webinar (1)
10. The Road to Reopening Food Service (1)
11. NPDES Permitting (3)
12. Virtual Inspections: How Could They Be Implemented (1.5)
13. How the UK Water Sector’s Focus on Resilience Will Drive Future Approaches to Asset Management (1)
14. Private Wells and Water Systems Management (8)
15. General Environmental Health – EPHOC (3)
16. Tools for Treatment of Emerging Contaminants Including 1,4- Dioxane and PFAS (1)
17. Food Safety – Food Freedom vs. Food Safety: AB 626 California’s Newest Law (1)
18. Food Safety – NCEH Food Safety Session 1 – Improving Restaurant Food Safety: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Practiced-Based Research (1)
19. Special Events – Closing Session (1.5)

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20. Special Events – Grand Session Kickoff (1)
21. Special Events – Opening Session (1)
22. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Building Capacity in Local Vector Control Programs (1)
23. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Using IPM for Fly Control at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo (1)
24. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – Vectorborne Disease Communication: What People Want to Know and How to Help Then Help Themselves (.5)
25. Infectious and Vector Borne Disease – VeCToR: Vector Control Tools and Resources (1)
26. NEHA’s Digital Defense: Education for a Safer World (12)
27. Winner Winner, Family Dinner (10)
28. COVID-19 Pool Guidance for Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery (2)

**ITEM 8**                      **Status of Work Processed:**

**Initial Licenses Issued (3)**

1. Christina Rohland
2. Meghan Eularo
3. Brittany Farrish

**License Reactivation (1)**

1. Joseoh McKenzie, III

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (17)**

1. Andres Solano Padilla
2. Victoria Mucciacciaro
3. Chris Trent
4. Austin Ross
5. Andriene King-Ducre
6. Douglas Lee
7. Timothy Wilmot
8. Hussein Al Khafaji
9. Alexia Torres
10. Colin McCoy
11. James Oblitey
12. Keoy Leech
13. Partick Seaman
14. Alexis Agbai
15. Josette Markline
16. Channing Jackson
17. Gilles Valdez Tagne Kamuge

**In-Training Certificates Issued (4)**

1. Michael Dawson

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2. Taylor Merchant
3. Rachell Murphy
4. Michael Pottinger

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

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Adjourn