



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

**August 5, 2020 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**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**  
**Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member**  
**Ann Rose, At Large Member**  
**Jasen Lau, Consumer Member**  
**Erin Kelly, Local Government Member**  
**Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member**

**Staff:**

**Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel**  
**James Merrow, Executive Director**  
**Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**

**Visitor(s):**

**Kim Link, MDH**  
**Lillian Reese, Regulation Legislation Coordinator**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Agenda** The Agenda was reviewed. Alan Heck motioned to approve the Agenda with revisions. Jasen Lau provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 8

**ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes**

**1(a).** The Open Session Minutes from the June 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed for approval. Alan Heck motioned to approve the Minutes as submitted. Jasen Lau provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 8

**ITEM 2 Board Chair Report**

**2(a).** Introduction for and welcome to Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Representation. Matthew stated he is the Director of Calvert County Health Department. Matthew attends the Local Health Director's Meetings and will convey any pertinent information to the Board resulting from those meetings.

**2(b).** Thanks to Erin Kelly who was reappointed to the Board through June 30, 2024.

**2(c).** Linda Rudie informed the Board that Donald Braman, Consumer Representation, resigned. The Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations has received applications and is currently vetting those applicants to fill this position on the Board.

**2(d).** On June 9, 2020 Bert Nixon was presented his Citation from the Governor and Department Secretary and Plaque from the Board. Mr. Nixon's service to the

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Board was greatly appreciated.

**ITEM 3      Executive Director Report**

**3(a)** Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no in-person meetings in the facility until further notice.

**3(b).** Board staff has extended two in-training certificates in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding permits, licenses, and registrations. These extensions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**3(c).** NEHA is working with the exam candidates during this state of emergency for exam location availability.

**3(d).** Stats from the licensing database

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 34
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 556
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 95
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 215

**ITEM 4      Credentialing:**

**4(a).** The Board had received a request for an in-training period reduction. Letters from the certificate holder and the supervisor were reviewed. The eligibility date to take the exam will be changed from May 30, 2021 to May 30, 2020. A revised in-training certificate will be issued to the certificate holder reflecting the new exam eligible date. Naomi Howell made a motion to reduce the in-training period. Amy Parrish provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Vote- 8

**ITEM 5      Legislative/Regulations**

**5(a).** James Merrow stated that the Committee will need another member to replace Bert Nixon. Board member Matthew Cumers volunteered.

**5(b).** The Bill for Special Funds has been drafted. It is at the Department awaiting approval. If denied the next step will be to seek sponsors during the next legislative session.

**5(c).** The Proposed Regulations draft was reviewed and approved. Amy Parrish made a motion to accept the draft. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Vote -8.

**ITEM 6      Work Force Work Group**

No report.

**ITEM 7      Continuing Education Committee**

Below are the approved training courses that were ratified at the August 5, 2020 Meeting. Ann Rose provided a Motion to accept the approved training. Amy Parrish provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Vote - 8

1. Seafood HACCP Segment Two Course (7.25)
2. 2020 Maryland Delaware Water Well Association Convention (8.75)
3. Farmers' Market Food Safety (4)

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4. Plumbing Controls for Commercial Food Establishments (1.5)
5. Pest Control in Food Establishments (1)
6. MOWPA Operation and Maintenance Service Provider 3/11/20 (8.2)
7. LCR Revisions and Corrosion Control Basics 2020 AWWA Webinar (1.5)
8. COVID 19 Contact Tracing (5)
9. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Epidemic: What do we know and what are public health scientists and advocates doing? (1.5)
10. Best Management Practices for Recycling Facilities During COVID-19 (1)
11. EPA Expands Research on COVID-19 in the Environment (1)
12. Making Contact: A Training for COVID-19 Contact Tracers (3)
13. American Industrial Hygiene Conference (Varies by attendee) (32.5)

**ITEM 8      Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (4)**

1. Demisew Deressa (6-2-20 exam)
2. Thomas Kotlar (6-12-20 exam)
3. Hannah Lux (6-12-20 exam)
4. Maria Angelia Salvi (6-26-20 exam)

**License Reactivation (0)**

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (13)**

1. Robert Harman, III
2. Nicholas Williams
3. Michael Pottinger
4. Traiza Takla
5. Eden Engida
6. Michael Dawson
7. Chinenye Esono
8. Herman Chenwi
9. Rachel Murphy
10. Gregory Sherman
11. Tobais Allen
12. Nathaniel Grodzicki
13. Lance Youngfellow

**Certificate of Eligibility Extensions (3)**

1. Mohsen Fatemi
2. Daniel Kershner
3. Matthew Sievers

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

1. Steven Brunner

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2. Robert Harman, III
3. Angelese Davis
4. D'Andre Edwards-Gray

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

At 11:30 a.m., Naomi Howell made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and enter into administrative session to discuss confidential disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Alan Heck. Motion passed – Vote 8. The administrative session ended at 2:30 p.m.



Linda Rudie  
Board Chair



Ann Rose  
Board Secretary

**Date: October 7, 2020**

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