



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

**October 7, 2020 BOARD MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Meeting Held via Google Meets**

**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 (Absent)**  
**Erin Kelly, Local Government Member**  
**Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member**  
**Lewis Brown, Consumer Member**

**Staff:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair. At 10:34 A.M. Ann Rose made a Motion to Close the Open Session and begin with the Administrative Session. Alan Heck Provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 8

The Open Session Resumed at 11:33 A.M.

**Agenda** The Agenda was reviewed. Ann Rose motioned to approve the Agenda with revisions. Matthew Cumers 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 August 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed for approval. Ann Rose motioned to approve the Minutes as with revisions. Erin Kelly provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 8

**ITEM 2 Board Chair Report**

**2(a).** Naomi Howell, Maryland Department of the Environment representation, has applied for re-appointment for her term ending June 30, 2021.

**2(c).** Introduction of Lewis Brown, Consumer Member representation. Mr. Brown reviewed with the Board his professional background and looks forward to his service on the Board. The present Board members introduced themselves and stated their Board representation. Linda Rudie then introduced the Board staff and the Board's Counsel.

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**ITEM 3 Executive Director Report**

**3(a)** Licensees had inquired if the 20 continuing education credits would be required at the license renewal. Board Counsel, Katherine Giblin, will review the Governor's Executive Orders and report back to the Board. Currently the Board has 75 licensees who have completed their required 20 continuing education credits.

**3(b). Addition to the Agenda – Licensing Cycle**

The Board discussed the continuing education for the issuance of licenses during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a licensing cycle. The history has been that individuals who receive their initial license before April 1<sup>st</sup> of the second year of the renewal cycle are required to earn 20 continuing education credits for their next renewal cycle. Individuals receiving their initial license after April 1<sup>st</sup> of the second year of the renewal cycle do not start earning continuing education credits until the next renewal cycle.

**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).** The Board had received two requests for in-training period reductions. Letters from the certificate holders and their supervisors were reviewed.

Alan Heck made a Motion in favor of the in-training period reduction for the 1<sup>st</sup> request. Amy Parrish provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. – Vote -8

Ann Rose made a Motion in favor of the in-training period reduction for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Request. Alan Heck provides a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passes. Vote - 8

**ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations**

**5(a).** It had been confirmed that the Board's Funding Bill in 2021 will be sponsored by Delegate Bhandari and Senator Klausmeier. James Merrow advised that Bert Nixon, prior Board Chair, will continue to assist the Board with the funding Bill. Matthew Cumers stated he will work with the Environmental Health Directors and Maryland Association of Counties to support the Bill.

There is some concern with how testimony will be presented this year due to the COVID-19 social distancing.

**ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group**

No report.

**ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee**

**7(a).** The Continuing Education Committee will coordinate and prepare a blast email for the Board to send out to be specific on the continuing education approval process. In addition, the

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Committee will search for approved training sponsors to be posted on the Board’s website under “Training Opportunities”.

**7(b).** Below are the approved training courses that were ratified at the October 7, 2020 Meeting. Ann Rose provided a Motion to accept the approved training with corrections. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. To the Motion passed. Vote - 8

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)
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 (1)
28. COVID-19 Pool Guidance for Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery (2)

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ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (3)**

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

**License Reactivation (1)**

1. Joseph McKenzie, III

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (17)**

1. Andres Solano
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. Patrick Seaman
14. Alexis Agbai
15. Josette Markline
16. Channing Jackson
17. Gilles Valdez Tange Kamuge

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

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

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

At 12:40 P.M. Naomi Howell made a Motion to adjourn the Open Session. The Motion was seconded by Matthew Cumers. Motion passed – Vote 8.

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Linda Rudie  
Board Chair

**Date: December 2, 2020**



Ann Rose  
Board Secretary

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