



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

AUGUST 4, 2021 BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Meeting Held via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Linda Rudie, Board Chair, Maryland Department of Health Member
Amy Parrish, Private Industry Member
Naomi Howell, Department of the Environment Member
Ann Rose, At Large Member
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member (exited Meeting at 12:05 P.M.)
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member
Jasen Lau, Consumer Member

Absent: **Alan Heck, Vice Chair, At Large Member**
Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel

Staff:
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I
Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Acting Board Counsel

Visitors: **Kim Link, MDH**
Christopher DenBleyker, MDE
Gunnar Ward, Applicant
Cheryl Chaney, Carroll County Health Department
Kevin Koepenick, Baltimore County Health Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Linda Rudie, Board Chair.

AGENDA The Agenda for the August 4, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended with the addition to Item 5. Naomi Howell provided a 2nd to the Motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Vote - 8

ITEM 1

1 (a). **Approval of Minutes**
The Open Session Minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Naomi Howell made a motion to adopt the Minutes as corrected. Amy Parrish provided a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Vote – 8

ITEM 2 **Board Chair Report**

2(a). Naomi Howell has been re-appointed to the Board for another 4 years.
2(b). Status on Executive Director Position: The posting closed on July 30, 2021. A list of candidates has not been received yet. The interview panel will be another Board member and an Executive Director from another Board.
2(c). Status of the PIN Request for hiring staff assistance: A PIN Committee meeting was held on Wednesday July 14, 2021. We stated our case and are waiting to hear

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back from the PIN Committee.

- 2(d). Board Investigator – A meeting was held on July 20, 2021. One Investigator has retired. The Board’s are looking into hiring another investigator. The investigator will be paid on an hourly basis as needed by each Board.
- 2(e). At this point in time the Board will remain holding the Board meetings by Google Meets. The October 6, 2021 meeting will be held virtually.

ITEM 3 Staff Report

- 3(a). Currently the Board has 252 licensees who have met or exceeded their continuing education credits for the license renewal for the 2021 license expiration period. Continuing education credits are still being entered. Amy Parrish conveyed her desire for the Board to consider discussion to move to an Audit Based continuing education at future license renewals.
- 3(b). Stats from the Licensing Database:
 - 1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 33
 - 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 489
 - 3. Active In-Training Certificates – 98
 - 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 135
- 3(c). The 2017 license expiration period had 19 licensees who moved to the inactive status. Two of those licensees have reinstated their license. The remaining 17 have been placed in the non-renewed status.
- 3(d). The 2021 license expiration period had 9 licensees who moved to the inactive license status.
- 3(e). The Database Administrator ran into a glitch keeping the 2021 license expiration continuing education open and creating the 2023 license expiration continuing education. The website will reflect both license expiration years for the licensees records and two approved courses lists.
- 3(f). Since May 2021 the Board has received 7 passing exam scores from NEHA.
- 3(e). Non-renewal letters are to be sent to the licensees who did not renew their license. The letters will contain information on how to reactivate.

ITEM 4 Credentialing:

- 4(a). Applicant, Gunner Ward, requested that the Board review his many course syllabi submitted with his application to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Ward reviewed and described all of his course work to the Board. The Board reviewed and approved the following coursework:
 - 1. Env 4494 Senior Seminar (4) Matthew Cumers made a Motion to accept this course. Ann Rose provided the 2nd. Motion passed. Vote -8
 - 2. Env 1T01 Health in the Anthropocene (4) Ann Rose made a Motion to accept this course. Amy Parrish provided the 2nd. Motion passed. Vote -8
 - 3. Env 1131 Environmental Problem Solving (4) Amy Parrish made a Motion to accept this course. Matthew Cumers provided the 2nd. Motion passed. Vote -8

At this time the Board moved to Item 5 on the Agenda Legislative/Regulations Committee then returned to Item 4 Credentialing, 4(b) and 4(c).

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ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations

5(a). Article – Health Occupations – Title 21 – Environmental Health Specialists was sent to all Board members.

5(b). Kevin Koepenick, Baltimore County Health Department, reviewed the Board’s procedure that an applicant apply and pay an application processing fee of \$100.00 to receive the Certificate of Eligibility to gain employment. Baltimore County has not allowed the County Health Department to conduct interviews until an applicant has received the Certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Koepenick relayed to the Board that many interested applicants do not have the funds to pay the \$100.00 application processing fee for the Certificate of Eligibility. The Board discussed a few scenarios and it was determined that the Legislative/Regulations Committee would need to meet to discuss the application process and fees along with the possible auditing of continuing education required at license renewals. The Committee would need to begin a proposal for Regulation changes.

At this time the Board returned to Item 4 Credentialing, 4(b) and 4(c).

ITEM 4 Credentialing:

4(b). Aiesha Lee and her supervisor sent their written request to the Board to extend Ms. Lee’s In-Training Certificate. The letters were reviewed. Amy Parrish made a Motion to grant a one-time 6-month extension. Ann Rose provided the 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7

4(c). Paris Newman and his supervisor sent their written request to the Board to extend Mr. Newman’s In-Training Certificate. The letters were reviewed. Ann Rose made a Motion to grant a one-time 6-month extension. Amy Parrish provided the 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group

There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021, with Dr. Mitchell to look at the long-term work force.

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee

Below are the training courses that were ratified at the August 4, 2021 Board Meeting. Ann Rose made a Motion to accept the approved training courses. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 7

1. Curing, Smoking, Drying of Meat, Poultry, and Fish and Processing of Fermented Sausages FD8005W (2)
2. Inspectors Helping Industry to Achieve Active Managerial Control. (3)
3. Tales of Two Pandemics: COVID-19 and Global Vaccine Equity (1.5)
4. 2020 International Association for Food Protection Annual Meeting (23)
5. Food Tech & Safety – Remote Auditing – Protecting Quality and Safety Now and in Our New Normal (1)
6. Cannabis 101 (1)
7. 125th AFDO Annual Educational Conference (18.5)
8. NCAEHA Spring 2021 Educational Conference (4.25)
9. Legionella Conference 2021 (18)

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10. Heat Prevention Training (1)
11. Water – Recognition of Potable Reuse from Onsite Wastewater systems (1)

ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed

Initial Licenses Issued (7)

1. Kelsey Green (5-13-21 exam)
2. William Miciche (5-14-21 exam)
3. Dustin Mathers (6-8-21 exam)
4. Joshua Smith (6-6-21 exam)
5. Zackary Silvast (4-7-21 exam)
6. Christopher Volrath (6-17-21 exam)
7. James Weixel (5-17-21 exam)

License Reactivation (2)

1. Mark Xander
2. Rachel Leahy

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (17)

1. Sitota Baro
2. Kathryn Sierzega
3. Nicole Myers
4. Lillian Kerns
5. Courtney Atkinson
6. Katelyn Capozzoli
7. Duranne Lloyd
8. Devon Rappaport
9. Angela Middleton
10. Daniel Kershner
11. Joshua Cho
12. Avery Dunn
13. Tasha Meddaugh
14. Amber Roland
15. Patty Adams
16. Alisha Martin

In-Training Certificates Issued (5)

1. Renee Levy
2. Kimberley Maier
3. Joseph Pagliaro
4. Sarah Stevans

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (11)

1. Luis Rivera
2. Jennifer Czaplicki

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3. Catherine Damon
4. Joseph Lin
5. Matthew Bem
6. Michele Cole-Burnett
7. James Fishman
8. Lauren Kuta
9. Savannah Kuta
10. Kathryn Sierzega
11. Shaun Stemmler

Jasen Lau made a Motion to ratify the work processed. Ann Rose provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 7

Adjourn – At 1:00 PM a motion was made by Amy Parrish to close the Open Session and to return at 1:15 P.M. and resume with the Administrative Session. Jasen Lau provided a 2nd to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote - 7

Linda Rudie
Board Chair

Ann Rose
Board Secretary



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