



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

**June 2, 2021 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  
Matthew Cumers, Local Health Department Member  
Lewis Brown, Consumer Member (Absent)**

**Absent:**

**Jasen Lau, Consumer Member  
Erin Kelly, Local Government Member  
Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel  
Donna Zickefoose, Administrator I**

**Staff:**

**James Merrow, Executive Director  
Bethann Haaga, AAG, Acting Board Counsel**

**Visitors:**

**Dr. Cliff Mitchell, MDH  
Kim Link  
Lillian Reese  
Environmental Health Directors:  
Sara Trescott, Washington County  
Bert Nixon**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA** The Agenda for the June 2, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Ann Rose made a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 1**

**1 (a).**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Open Session Minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Amy Parrish made a motion to adopt the Minutes as corrected. Ann Rose provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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### ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

**2(a).** The following e-mail was sent to all licensees detailing the extension of time granted by the Board for the submission of continuing education credits for the 2019-2021 renewal cycle:

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board of Environmental Health Specialists (“The Board”) has granted an extension under **COMAR 10.60.03.04 (A) Extension of Time Continuing Education Requirement**. This is a six-month extension for licensees who have not met their continuing education requirement for the 2021 renewal cycle. This extension will also allow Board staff to post the backlog of earned continuing education credits. This extension will end on **December 31, 2021**.

Every licensee is expected to renew their Environmental Health Specialist License and pay the renewal fee by June 30, 2021 regardless of their continuing education situation. All renewal applications and renewal fees must be received by the Board by **June 30, 2021**.

Licensees who have **not** met their 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirement by June 30, 2021, but who **have** submitted a renewal application and fee by June 30, 2021 will be issued a conditional license. Documentation of completion of all required 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirements must be submitted to the Board **no later than December 31, 2021**. Any continuing education credits earned that are required to meet the 2021 renewal cycle **will not** be eligible for credit toward the 2023 renewal cycle continuing education requirement.

Failure to submit documentation of completion of all of the required 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirements by December 31, 2021 will result in the inability to practice as an Environmental Health Specialist in Maryland. Any licensee who has not submitted documentation of completion of all of the required 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirements as of December 1, 2021 will receive notice from the Board of this deficiency and the consequences of a failure to submit documentation of completion of all of the required 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirements by December 31, 2021. You will not be separately notified when you have met the requirement – please keep checking the Board’s website, ([CEU Report](#) for License that expire in 2021). <https://health.maryland.gov/behs/Documents/CEU/CEUReport.pdf>

Licensees who will not meet their 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirement by December 31, 2021 have the option to submit an application and fee for Inactive Status. Inactive Status applications are on the Board’s website. While on inactive status you cannot perform the duties of the Environmental Health Specialist.

Licensees who **do not complete** their 2021 renewal cycle continuing education requirement and who **do not apply to go on inactive status** will be placed in **non-renewed status** as of December 31, 2021.

### ITEM 3 Executive Director Report

**3(a).** Currently the Board has 213 licensees who have met or exceeded their continuing education credits for their license renewal.

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

1. Active Seasonal Certificates – 32
2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists – 577
3. Active In-Training Certificates – 99
4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates – 127

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3(c). State facilities and board operations:

Effective July 1, 2021 state offices will return to normal operations. The public will have access to enter and conduct state business. Conferences rooms may be used without masking or social distancing. The Board discussed future public meeting regarding in person, video or some combination of the two. It was the consensus of the Board to continue with a video format for the August 4, 2021 meeting. The public will have access to all future video meetings.

**ITEM 4      **Credentialing:****  
None to review.

**ITEM 5      **Legislative/Regulations****

The Board has been informed by the Department that the Board's changes to the following regulations:

- 10.60.01
- 10.60.02
- 10.60.03
- 10.60.04

Will be posted in the Maryland Register on June 4, 2021 and becomes effect June 14, 2021. These changes were first sent to the Department for review in September 2019.

**ITEM 6      **Work Force Work Group****

Dr. Cliff Mitchel, MDH Liaison, Work Force Work Group gave an update on the work group's proposal for dealing with the obsolete classification of sanitarians. The Work Group has been working with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the MDH's HR staff to develop a new classification to replace the sanitarian series. The new classification is entitled Consumer Safety Officer and will be used by both MDE and MDH in their various programs. The minimum qualifications of the new classification will include education and experience to be licensed as an Environmental Health Specialists. The licensing requirements include being licensed by the Board. The new classification has not been reviewed or approved by the Office of Budget Management.

The Work Force is suggesting that the Board review its statute's licensure qualifications with regard to including other environmental or public health classification under Board licensure.

The Work Force will meet later this month to discuss the new classifications.

**ITEM 7      **Continuing Education Committee****

**7(a).** Below are the approved training courses that were ratified at the June 2, 2021 meeting. Ann Rose provided a Motion to accept the approved training. Lewis Brown provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Analysis of Maryland's MS4 Water Quality Data in Three Pilot Watersheds (1)
2. Introduction to Human Health Risk Assessment (2)
3. EPA-Small Drinking Water Systems – Lead and Copper (1.5)
4. Professional Swimming Pool Operators Course (14)

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5. Overview of Healthy Homes Approach to Children’s Health (1)
6. Maryland’s Evolving Approach to Lead Poisoning (1)
7. CASA 348<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting (5-12-21)
8. National FOG Abatement Technical Assistance and Training Program (8)
9. SWPI 108 – Assurance: Assuring a Competent Workforce (1)
10. SWPI 107 – Assurance: Linking People to Services (1)
11. SWPI 106 – Assurance: Laws and Regulations (1)
12. SWPI 105 – Policy Development: Policies and Plans (1)
13. SWPI 104 – Policy Development: Inform, Educate, Empower, and Mobilize (1)
14. SWPI 103 – Assessment: Diagnose and Investigate (1)
15. SWPI 102 – Assessment: Monitor Health (1)
16. SWPI 101 – Introduction: The 10 Essential Environmental Public Health Services for Unregulated Drinking Water Programs (1)
17. SWPI 109 – Assurance: Evaluation and Research (1)
18. Strategies for Collecting Residential Food Waste (1.5)
19. Tire Antidegradant 6PPD-quinone in the Environment (1)
20. Lead Risk Assessor Refresher (7)

**ITEM 8      Status of Work Processed**

**Initial Licenses Issued (1)**

Below are the Licenses and Certificates issued in the month of May 2021. Matthew Cumres made a motion to accept and ratified the issued documents. Alan Heck provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion. Motion passed. Vote – 7 for 0 opposed.

1. David Bradford (4-12-21 exam)
2. Zachary Kane (4-6-21 exam)

**Certificates of Eligibility Issued (9)**

1. Abigail Davis
2. Victoria Rottman-Turner
3. Lenicia Johnson
4. Marina Steiner
5. Alexander Pierce
6. Kristen Geroski
7. Andrew Pizzala
8. Jamie Park
9. Joshua Pilkerton

**In-Training Certificates Issued (0)**

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**Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (5)**

1. Andrew Kuehner
2. Christopher Turner
3. Clark Adleman
4. Rita Trice
5. Emily Turner

The Board took a break from 11:00 am to 11:10 am.

Adjourn – At 12:00 PM a motion was made by Alan Heck and second by Ann Rose to adjourn the open session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Linda Rudie  
Board Chair

Ann Rose  
Board Secretary



**Date: August 4, 2021**

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