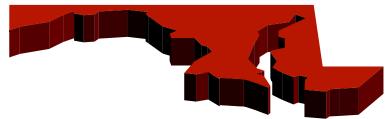
### State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



### Open Session Agenda FEBRUARY 6, 2019 BOARD MEETING, CONFERENCE ROOM 110 10:00 AM 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

Call to order - Bert Nixon, Board Chair

# ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

# <u>ITEM 1</u>

1(a). Open Session Minutes for review and approval from the January 9, 2019 Board Meeting.

(Attachment)

**1(b).** Open Session Conference Call Minutes for review and approval from the January 24, 2019 Conference Call. (Attachment)

### ITEM 2 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

**2(a). Jim Merrow** – Jim's service to the Board.

**2(b).** There will be a telephone conference with NEHA scheduled in the next few weeks to include myself and Donna Zickefoose regarding the NEHA exams moving to the computer exam only. As requested, Donna contacted NEHA regarding the Pearson VUE test center locations. NEHA advised that they have numerous locations and provided the following link <u>https://home.pearsonvue.com.neha</u> when Donna used the link and typed in Washington County 4 testing locations populated, Salisbury, MD search came up with 5 locations and Baltimore, MD search came up with 5 locations. NEHA advised that they are still working on the specifics of the change. More information will be reported after the next telephone conference. Board staff was asked to provide a list of eligible exam candidates through 2019. List is attached.

**2(c).** Public Information Act (PIA) Policy.

# **ITEM 3** Board Staff Report:

**3(a).** 306 licensees have completed their required training for continuing education credits for the license expiration of June 30, 2019 at the time of this agenda preparation.

(Attachment) (Attachment)

**Donna Zickefoose** 

3(b). 2018 Financial Disclosure – Kim Bennardi, Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations, sent out a reminder that the statements are due by April 30, 2019. If any members have questions or need assistance they can contact the State Ethics Commission at 410-260-7770. The link to file your statement is: <u>https://ethics.maryland.gov/boards-commissions/</u>3(c). Applications have been sent to all candidate who are eligible to take the March 12, 2019 NEHA exam.

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

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 26
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 583
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 95
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 155

## **<u>ITEM 4</u>** Credentialing:

**4(a). Temesgen Yimanie** – Mr. Yimanie applied to the Board, paid the application processing fee and submitted his translated transcript which translated to a US equivalency of a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology. The review of his transcript did not show a college level math. When Mr. Yimanie was contacted regarding the missing math requirement he came to the Board's office to discuss his transcript and provided a copy of his transcript from Addis Ababa University. I've highlighted an area on that transcript which Mr. Yimanie informed me his math course had been completed. Mr. Yimanie expressed that it will take at least 3 months to request the transcript from Ethiopia with a fee and will be an additional expense to him to have that transcript translated. Mr. Yimanie stated that he has a start date in Prince George's County of February 19, 2019. Mr. Yimanie's complete file is attached. Also, his file will be brought to this meeting. (Attachment)

<u>ITEM 5</u>	Legislative/Regulations Committee:	Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and Jasen Lau
<u>ITEM 6</u>	Work Force Work Group:	Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie, and Naomi Howell
<u>ITEM 7</u>	Continuing Education Committee:	Bruce Bowman, Amy Parrish and Ann Rose

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

### **Initial Licenses Issued (11)**

- 1. Emmanuel Bolajoko (took exam direct with NEHA)
- 2. Terrence Mulvey (12-11-18 exam)
- 3. Mengestayhu Akelat (12-11-18 exam)
- 4. Meghan Johnson (12-11-18 exam)
- 5. Evan Aston (12-11-18 exam)
- 6. Andres Bean (12-11-18 exam)

- 7. Kyle Kowalczyk (12-11-18 exam)
- 8. Robert Freemon (12-11-18 exam)
- 9. Justin Groff (12-11-18 exam)
- 10. Wanda Ramirez (12-11-18 exam)
- 11. Joseph Morin (Statute §21-306 Waiver of Examination of persons registered in other states)

#### License Reactivation (0)

#### In – Training Certificates Issued (13)

- 5. Beatrice Babalola 9. Christopher Shingleton 13. Brittany Carpenter 1. Shane Evans
- 2. Sabrina Figler 6. Alan Post 10. Thomas Kotlar
- 3. Zackary Silvast 7. Tanice Bailey 11. Alisha Washington
- 4. Rena Blakely 8. Micah Coe 12. Christopher Smack

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

#### **Revised In-Training Certificate (1)**

1. Samantha Peternal (Board approved 24 to 12 month in training period)

#### **Certificates of Eligibility Issued (18)**

- 1. Brian Castine
- 2. Gregory Lowden
- 3. Katarzyna O'Donnell
- 4. Dorcas Subuloye
- 5. Dekarra Johnson
- 6. Gregory Irwin 7. Alisha Washington
- 8. Cedric Witherspoon
- 9. Attilah Edges
- 10. Hannah Leiberg

### **Extended Certificates of Eligibility (2)**

- 1. Adewole Adegborioye
- 2. Nneka Ijeabuonwu

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

#### Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (0)

The Board may close a portion of the Open Meeting to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Adjourn

- 11. Pertesia Gadson 12. Codi Trumpower
- 13. Travis Allen
- 14. Emma Green
- 15. Monae Heath
- 16. Joshua Smith
- 17. Hercheallee Brown
- 18. Sara Albrecht