# State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



# Open Session Agenda APRIL 3, 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

# **ITEM 1** Review and approval of Board Meeting and Conference Call Minutes.

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the February 6, 2019 Board Meeting.
1(b). Open Session Minutes from the February 15, 2019 Conference Call.
1(c). Open Session Minutes from the March 14, 2019 Conference Call.
(Attachment)
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#### ITEM 2 Board Chair Report:

Bert Nixon

**2(a).** Letter to County Health Department Directors with attention to Human Resources. The letter was mailed out on February 26, 2019. (Attachment)

**2(b).** For the months that the Board does not meet please set aside a time on the first Wednesday of that month for any unforeseen conference calls that may need to be held.

## 2(c). Continuing Education Requirement that went into Effect on April 23, 2018.

The Board has received continuing education from 8 licensees that did not meet the 90-day receipt as required in Title 10 Subtitle 60 Chapter 3 Continuing Education. Each licensee was sent a copy of the blast e-mail that went out regarding the Regulation change and a copy of the Regulation. One licensee has asked the Board to accept the continuing education submitted, please see attached e-mail. (Attachment)

## 2(d) Title 10 Subtitle 60 Chapter 3 Continuing Education .01 Approval of Training

The Board received two separate training requests which the requested continuing education credits were confusing. Donna Zickefoose reviewed the requested credits with Bruce Bowman and Bert Nixon. The licensees for each of the trainings submitted were adamant on the amount of continuing education credits to be applied. Donna reached out to Karen Brandt, with Maryland Center for Environmental Training (MCET), Karen is an authority on the continuing

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education hour vs units vs ceus. Attached is the Board's Title 10 Subtitle 60 Chapter 3 Continuing Education Approval of Training. Also attached is a definition of a ceu sent to the Board from a licensee which Karen reviewed and stated is a correct definition. Also attached is a list from Karen to articulate how the College Credits, Continuing Education Units, and Contact Hours are applied. Also attached are the two training requests that Karen reviewed and advised the correct credits that should be applied. (Attachments)

## 2(e). NEAH Exam - phasing out of the paper exams.

No report at this time.

# **ITEM 3** Board Staff Report:

### **Donna Zickefoose**

**3(a).** 362 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.

## 3(b). E-Mail Blasts

- On March 13, 2019 an e-mail went out to all licensees informing them of the renewal application being posted on the Board's website. As a result, 18 licensees who have met the continuing education requirement have taken the opportunity to renew their license.
- On March 19, 2019 an e-mail went out to all licensees with information for an upcoming training opportunity with Maryland Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (MOWPA). This training was approved for 8.5 continuing education credits.
- The Database Administrator had informed the Board staff that approximately 30 licensees had unsubscribed to the Board's blast e-mails.

#### **3(c).** Stats from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 30
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 591
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 98
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 147

### ITEM 4 Credentialing:

**4(a).** Philip McIntee – Mr. McIntee has completed 17 of the 24 month his in-training period. He is requesting to take the exam scheduled for August 6, 2019. Letters from Mr. McIntee and his supervisor are attached. (File has been brought to this meeting) (**Attachment**)

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**4(b).** NEHA Exam – The March 12, 2019 exam had 19 candidates take the exam. The names are listed below:

Crystal Akenbrand
 Cole Aston
 Tanice Bailey
 David Bradford
 Vanessa Ciaramellano Campbell
 Kerron Morgan
 Omomayokum Ojo
 Sepideh Payami
 Samantha Peternel
 Alan Post

6. Megline Igbokwe 16. Kacey Revere

Natisha Joseph
 Eyvonnka Rizkallah
 Amanda Losardo
 Kristi Marsh
 Zackary Silvast

10. Ashley McMahon

The exam scores have been received 12 candidates had passed the exam. The names are listed below:

Crystal Akenbrand
 Cole Aston
 Vanessa Ciaramellano Campbell
 Megline Igbokwe
 Natisha Joseph
 Amanda Losardo
 Kristi Marsh
 Ashley McMahon
 Kerron Morgan
 Sepideh Payami
 Samantha Peternel
 Kacey Revere

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and

Jasen Lau

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,

and Naomi Howell

**ITEM 7** Continuing Education Committee: Bruce Bowman, Amy Parrish and

**Ann Rose** 

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

## <u>Initial Licenses Issued (7)</u>

- 1. Solomon Balcha (12-11-18 exam)
- 2. Samantha Peternel (3-12-19 exam)
- 3. Kerron Morgan (3-12-19 exam)
- 4. Cole Aston (3-12-19 exam)
- 5. Crystal Ankenbrand (3-12-19 exam)
- 6. Natisha Joseph (3-12-19 exam)
- 7. Amanda Losardo (3-12-19 exam)

#### **License Reactivation (1)**

1. Caleb Boczon (Reactived from Non-renewed Status)

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## **Board Approved Reduced In-Training Periods (2)**

- 1.Timothy Burke (2-6-19 Board voted in favor of changing 24 months to 12 months of intraining.
- 2. Natisha Joseph (2-6-19 Board voted in favor of recognizing Masters Degree, Environmental Science and change the 12 month in-training period to a 3 month in-training period.

# **In – Training Certificates Issued (11)**

- Maria-Angelia Salvi
   Katherine Laird
   Nneka Ijeabuonwu
   Brittany Farrish
   Meghan Euliano
   Demisew Deressa
   Sara Albrecht
   Fantahun Bizuneh
   Travis Allen
   Monae Heath
- 6. DeKarra Johnson

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

## **Certificates of Eligibility Issued (6)**

- 1. Temesgen Yimanie
- 2. Brennan Tarleton
- 3. Christina Rohland
- 4. Batamuliza Ntaganda
- 5. Benjamine Salazar
- 6. Fantahun Bizuneh

# **Extended Certificates of Eligibility (1)**

1. Madison Hunt

### Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (6)

- 1. Marilyn Wise
- 2. Emily Turner
- 3. Clark Adleman
- 4. James Fishman
- 5. John Ernst

#### Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (4)

- 1. Jasmine Copeland Did not meet the required coursework.
- 2. Jordan Bosley Did not meet the lab requirement.
- 3. Lee Ann Olthaus Did not meet the required coursework.
- 4. Asaymu Swen Did not meet the required coursework and lab requirement.

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