# State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



# Open Session Agenda June 5, 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 for approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

**1(a).** Open Session Minutes from the April 3, 2019 Board Meeting for review and approval. (**Attachment**)

# ITEM 2 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

- **2(a).** Recognition to Ms. Veronica S. Moore's service on the Board.
- **2(b).** Bruce Bowman, Consumer Representation, has officially resigned from the Board. Alan Heck will replace Veronica Moore's At Large Representation, beginning with the August 7, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Heck's appointment begins in July, 2019. Mr. Heck has been a licensed Environmental Health Specialist since 1983. Linda Rudie and Jasen Leu have been reappointed to the Board, please forward a copy of your re-appointment letters to the Board. Kim Bennardi, Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations, has informed the Board that a person is currently being vetted for Bruce Bowman's, Consumer Representation position. The only information provided at that time is the candidate is a retiree from the Veteran's Administration.

# 2(c). NEHA Exam - phasing out of the paper exams.

The Board has received a Contract/Agreement has been received from NEHA regarding the computer-bases testing changes. A telephone conference call will take place with NEHA after this Board meeting.

**2(d).** A blast email went out to all licensees reminding them of the Continuing Education Regulation effective April 23, 2018 that all training must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of the training date completion.

# **Board Chair Report - Continued**

- **2(e).** Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator, confirmed with the Board that COMAR 10.60.02 Licensing Procedures was printed in the Maryland Register on May 10, 2019 for the notice of final action. The effective date of the updates is May 20, 2019.
- **2(f).** All Board members now have a maryland.gov email address for receipt of the Board package. The Board staff will remind the members to check their g-mail address prior to any Board packet being sent out.
- **2(g).** The Board has received reactivation applications from non-renewed status licensees and reactivation applications from inactive status licensees. One of the reactivations from non-renewed status applicants had concern regarding the Continuing Education Regulation Evidence of completion within 90 days of completing the training. Donna had consulted with Katie and myself if the regulation affected the reactivation or returning from inactive status applicants. After reviewing the Regulations, it was determined that the evidence of training being submitted to the Board within 90 days of training completion will not affect the applicants who are reactivating from a nonrenewed status or reactivating from inactive status.

# **ITEM 3** Board Staff Report:

# **Donna Zickefoose**

- **3(a).** 403 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).** 292 renewed licenses have been issued as of June 3, 2019.
- **3(c).** Stats from the Licensing Database:
  - 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 32
  - 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 597
  - 3. Active In-Training Certificates 98
  - 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 160

# ITEM 4 Testing and Recruitment of Environmental Health Specialists Sara Trescott

# **ITEM 5** Credentialing:

**5(a).** Jasmine Copeland – Ms. Copeland had received a letter of denial to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. The denial had been based on not meeting the required coursework credits. Ms. Copeland has requested that the Board review her transcript and her coursework.

(File has been brought to this meeting)

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**5**((**b.**) David Henry – Mr. Henry sent the Board his application and processing fee. When the review began it was discovered that Mr. Henry not only held a Certificate of eligibility in the past, but he also held an in-training certificate. The in-training certificate expired August 4, 2009. The record for Mr. Henry was not passed on to the Department of Health (MDH) from the Department of the Environment when the Board moved to MDH. Mr. Henry had been contacted and he stated that he did complete his in-training period in 2009 and took an exam which he did not pass. (**File has been brought to this meeting**)

**5(c).** George Ball – Mr. Ball applied with the Board and had been issued a certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Ball had informed the Board that he held an in-training certificate in the past. He was informed that his in-training would begin on the date that his certificate of eligibility, signed by his supervisor/sponsor, was received by the Board. Mr. Ball and his supervisor are requesting that his in-training period be waived and have his history of experience recognized. This is another record that was not forwarded to the Department of Health from the Department of the Environment. (**File has been brought to this meeting**)

**5(d).** Shayne Linzy – Mr. Linzy and his Supervisor are requesting the 24 month in-training period be changed to a 12 month in-training period. (**Attachment**)

(File has been brought to this meeting)

ITEM 6 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and

Jasen Lau

**ITEM 7** Work Force Work Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,

and Naomi Howell

ITEM 8 Continuing Education Committee: Amy Parrish, Ann Rose and Linda

Rudie

**8(a).** When the Board received notification that Bruce Bowman had resigned the Board needed a member to take his place on the Continuing Education Committee. Linda Rudie has made herself free to fill in until the Board meets to replace Bruce Bowman.

#### Board Counsel Katherine Giblin will discuss 8 (b) and 8 (c) below.

**8(b).** The Continuing Education Submittal/Review/Approval Process notice on the Board's webpage has been revised and re-posted. A copy of the revised process is attached.

(Attachment)

- **8(c).** When a training is not posted on the Board's "Approved Courses" list and forwarded to the Continuing Education Committee for review to be approved 2 members of the committee should agree with approval.
- **9(e).** 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual CASA Conference This training is being brought to the full for review to be approved. The Continuing Education Committee did not agree on the continuing education credits requested. (Attachment)

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# **ITEM 9 Status of Work Processed:**

# **Initial Licenses Issued (5)**

- 1. Spideh Payami (3-12-19 exam)
- 2. Megline Igbokwe (3-12-19 exam)
- 3. Ashley McMahon (3-12-19 exam)
- 4. Kristi March (3-12-19 exam)
- 5. Kacey Revere (3-12-19 exam)

# **License Reactivation (1)**

1. Temesgen Jemeneh (Reactivated from Non-renewed Status)

# In -Training Certificates Issued (6)

- 1. Temesgen Yimanie
- 2. Nicholas Doyle
- 3. George Ball
- 4. Haley Golden
- 5. William Hopkins
- 6. Gloria Choe

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

# **Certificates of Eligibility Issued (10)**

Kiara Gross
 Sanjay Thakur
 Chris Volrath
 George Ball
 Redeat Bekele
 Meresa Adula
 Rosemary Mrina
 Elaine Blue
 Matthew Bem
 Colleen Burkhardt

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

- 1. Janet Hartka
- 2. Josette Markline

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

Rita Trice
 Shayna Kirschenbaum
 Chris Turner
 Andrew Kuchner
 Jennifer Czaplicki
 Lauren Kuta
 Joseph Lin
 Shaun Stemmler
 Catherine Damon
 Jennifer Czaplicki
 Michele Cole-Burnette

# 6. Richard Lee

# <u>Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (2)</u>

- 1. Jennifer Mason Did not meet the lab requirement.
- 2. Awailae Isidahomen Did not meet course work and lab requirement.

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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