State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



Open Session Agenda August 7, 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> Review for approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the April 3, 2019 Board Meeting for review and approval.1(b). Open Session Minutes from the June 5, 2019 Board Meeting for review and approval.

1(c). Open Session Minutes from the June 27, 2019 Conference Call for review and approval.

(Attachments)

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report: Bert Nixon

2(a). Introduction of Alan Heck, "At Large" representative to the Board.

2(b). Interviews took place for the Board's Executive Director position on July 23, 2019.

2(c). A telephone Conference was conducted on June 27, 2019 with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) regarding the process to move forward with transitioning to computer-based exams. NEHA provided an Agreement/Contract to the Board which Katherine Giblin took the lead to review and prepare an Agreement/Contract to be accepted by the Board. NEHA also provided a sample letter to exam candidates.

(Attachments)

2(d). Possibility of an exam in October. Currently, there are 26 candidates who could be eligible to take the August 6, 2019 exam. Of those 26 candidates, 16 candidates provided their completed in-training certificate and paid to take the exam. For upcoming exams there are 7 additional eligible candidates through September 26, 2019.

2(e). During the license renewals there were a few licensees who were returning from a nonrenewed status and inactive status. There was a question 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 also applied to reactivation applicants or those returning from inactive status. 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. (Further discussion under Regulation Committee update)

2(f). Officer Nomination: A Board Secretary needs to be nominated. Veronica Moore was the Board Secretary whose term ended July 1, 2019. Prior to nominations I'd like to offer the expected duties of the Secretary:

- 1. Review Board Agendas
- 2. Review Board Minutes

2(g). At the June 5, 2019 Meeting, for the purpose of testing and recruitment, Sara Trescott, Washington County Health Department, presented to the Board documentation from NEHA for their candidate applicants and a presentation with ideas for a pathway forward. The documents are attached for your review. (Attachments)

ITEM 3 Board Staff Report:

Donna Zickefoose

3(a). At the completion of the licensing renewal there were 54 licensees who went into non-renewed status and 25 licensees who went on inactive status.

3(b). Board Member Orientation will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019. If you have not attended the orientation in the past or are a new member please RSVP to Kim Lang. Attached is the notice with location and RSVP information. (Attachment)

3(c). Stats from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 34
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 521
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 98
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 153

<u>ITEM 4</u> Credentialing:

4(a). 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)

<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:	Amy Parrish, Ann Rose and Linda Rudie

7(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. Nominations will be sought at this time.

Bert Nixon to reviewwill discuss 7 (b) and 7 (c) below.

7(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)

7(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.

The Below Training Requests are for the full Board to review:

7(d). Water Sampling Certification – The Continuing Education could not agree on the CEU's for this training. It is attached for the full Board to review. (Attachment)
7(e). 3- Day Mold Inspection and Assessment – Linda Rudie approved this training however Amy Parrish broke out the credits – her approval is 20 hrs. to include exam. (Attachment)
7(f). Mid-Atlantic Zoonotic and Vector Borne Disease Inter-Agency Workgroup (MAZV)-Linda Rudie approved for 2 hrs., Amy Parrish reviewed for .5. (Attachment)

7(g). Approved Continuing Education for the Board to ratify:

- 1. 28th Annual Maryland Groundwater Symposium
- 2. 2019 Outbreak Investigation Fundamentals Training
- 3. IS-00200.C Basic Incident Command System
- 4. RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Workshop
- 5. Legionella and Waterborne Disease Outbreaks
- 6. Universal Infection Prevention Control
- 7. 4-Hour EPA Renovator Refresher
- 8. Rabies Program Overview
- 9. NEHA Food Safety Medical Marijuana Recall in Arizona
- 10. NEHA Workforce and Leadership Advocacy around the Globe

ITEM 8 Status of Work Processed:

Initial Licenses Issued (3)

- 1. Vanessa Campbell (3-12-19 exam)
- 2. Jacqueline Reszetar (21-306 waiver of examination of person registered in other states)
- 3. Fantahun Bizuneh (Board approved license after in-training period completion)

License Reactivation (0)

In – Training Certificates Issued (2)

- 1. Adewole Adegiorioye
- 2. Dustin Mathers

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (7)

- 1. Jasmine Copeland
- 2. Morgan Jackson-Sutton
- 3. Jabrielle Howard
- 4. Luis Rivera
- 5. Steven Brunner
- 6. Asim Zaki
- 7. Chagal Mircino

Extended Certificates of Eligibility (1)

1. Daniel Kershner

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (2)

- 1. Matthew Bem
- 2. Luis Rivera

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (3)

- 1. Camerra Hines Did not meet course and lab requirements.
- 2. Kidist Worku Did not meet Degree requirement.
- 3. Jasmine Franklin Did not meet course requirement.

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Adjourn