

## CEJSC Meeting – 2024/10/22 EDT – Meeting Minutes

### **Attendees**

Andrew Miller, Aneca Atkinson -MDE-, C Burke, Carlos Sanchez-Gonzalez, Cat Goughnour -DHCD-, Colleen, Crystal Faison, David Simon, Dr. Reneé Carr, Frederick Johnson, John Papagni -DHCD-, Kellie Gaither, Kylan Simpson -MDH-, Mariah Davis -DNR-, Monica Brooks, Nadya Chehab -MDA-, Noble Smith -MDE-, Patrick DeArmey, Rebecca Rehr, srhconsulting, Subha Chandar -MDH-, Tracy Garrett, Veronika Carella, Voncia Molock, Yasmin Behram -MDP-

**Opening:** 10:00 AM

### **Membership and Expiration of Terms**

Noble Smith: CEJSC reached out to a couple of the commissioners in September whose terms were up at the end of September. And there are a few more coming up at the end of October where we'll reach out individually and let you know the process. If you were appointed by a previous administration, you will need to resubmit an application to the Governor's Appointment Office portal. A letter of recommendation is highly encouraged but not required. There's no limit on how many letters of recommendation an applicant can receive.

### **Scheduling November and December Meetings**

Camille Burke: Both of our November and December meeting dates fall on the week of the holiday. The November meeting will be moved to the 19th and the December meeting will likely be canceled.

### **Joint Meeting with CEHPAC**

Camille Burke: The November meeting will be a joint meeting with the CEHPAC. The joint meeting will be held on November 19th 2024

### **Draft Annual Report Update**

Noble Smith: The annual report has been completed and was shared out ahead of the meeting. The report will include recommendations that were submitted by members of the CEJSC. Commissioners were able to discuss and modify suggestions during the September meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Veronika Carella: Good morning and thank you for letting me speak. I am the legislative director for the Maryland Children's Environmental Health Coalition and I serve for 12 years on CEHPAC as well. So I just wanted to bring a quick update to the three points. October 1st of this year, we now have the Clean Water Justice Act of 2024 and I will be putting the bill and the fiscal note links into the written version of my public input that I always sent you the email afterwards. So this Act further expands a definition of standing beyond the information that our coalition provided at last month's public input, which included the request to please take steps to clarify to

the public and to enforcing state and local agencies such as the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Complaints can be filed and should be addressed when Maryland laws and regulations appear to be violated or lack enforcement. In efforts to address PFAS contamination in groundwater and drinking wells, which was the subject we discussed last month in my public input. And in that quote, MDE officials say that this is an ongoing search for potential PFAS contamination and they've been analyzing samples from non-residential providers such as schools and that speaks to what I said. Last time that here we should have PFAS being applied since 2018 on a 10 acre. Lots within a half a mile of the two schools. In Howard County. MDE just found high levels of PFAS in their wells and they now have to go to bottled water. So this is something we had to act in 2018 when we first discovered that PFAS was listed as an ingredient In These MDA approved turf applications . This will contaminate groundwater and impact the wells. Nothing has been done since 2018, since then there have been 91 days of applications on these 10 lots and sometimes over a hundred gallons on, just three acres at a time of these products that contain PEAFAH. So it's time to take a fresh look at that.

### **Meeting Closed**

10:25 AM