



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

***Virtual/Teleconference Meeting**

Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/asd-imct-fsv>

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Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large

Larry Brenneman – Western MD

Michael Hall – Eastern MD

Heather Quinn – DNR

Dave Kelly – Central MD

Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

MDE Staff Present

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director

Jennifer Bowman – OAG

Nicole Rush – OAG

Alex Rubin – MDE

John Boris – MDE

Excused Absent

Robert Peoples – MDE

Call to Order

Presiding Officer, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Offer Comments

Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn Board members approved moving into closed session on March 13, 2025, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,

GP § 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,

GP § 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting: Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Mike Hall, Dave Kelly, Heather Quinn, and Steven Kwiatkowski. MDE staff were Amanda Redmiles, Jennifer Bowman, Nicole Rush, John Boris and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Hahns Hairston read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members discussed a complaint made by a current licensee alleging the practice of unlicensed drilling for geotechnical borings. The Board discussed whether the conduct described constitutes the "practice of well drilling" as contemplated by COMAR and ultimately determined for this specific site, no master driller was required to be present.