



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

**Maryland State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals
Open Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 **Time: 10:05 am** **Location: MDE Aeris Conference Room & Virtual on Google Meet** **Note:**

Board Members	Attendance		MDE Staff	Meeting As Scheduled	Meeting Rescheduled
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Robert Kutchman MDE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	G.K. Sanchez Board Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amber Durand Consumer Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melody Harvey Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray Harrison Industry Professional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kimbrough Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Browne Industry Professional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth Eisenstein Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Francis (Eddie) Harrison MOWPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guests in attendance:		Paola Argueta (removed at 10:08a.m., did not respond to roll call)
Julie Mackert Consumer Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Kurt Cassell Industry Professional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Langford Johnson Industry Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Robert Mitchell MD Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Call to Order

Board Chair J. Mackert presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Roll Call

N. Kimbrough conducted a roll call for everyone present at the meeting, except for A.Durand and L. Johnson, who were absent.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The posted Agenda was reviewed and approved. The motion to approve the Agenda was made by R. Kutchman and was seconded by K. Cassell. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Adoption of Open Session Meeting Minutes from 7/16/25

The minutes from the 7/16/2025 meeting were reviewed and approved with 1 edit. The motion to approve was made by E.Harrison and was seconded by R. Kutchman. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

-S.Eisenstein addressed the question about the PTI emergency regulations, S.Eisenstein provided information from ALER stating that the emergency regulations are still waiting to go to the next step in order to be approved.

-S.Eisenstein introduced the new board member R.Harrison who will be filling the vacant seat that will fill the Eastern Shore seat for geographical diversity. R.Harrison introduced himself as a Industry Professional, he is a pumper, instater, and O&M provider working in Kent and Queen Anne County.

Motion to Close Session

The motion to go into a closed session was made by E.Harrison and was seconded by R.Kutchman seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously. Went into a closed session at 10:20 am.

Authority and Purpose of Closed Session

The topics discussed were:

-Review and adoption of the Closed Session Meeting Agenda

-Review and adoption of the 7/16/25 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

-The meeting was closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice to discuss:

-Board fees

- Regulation recommendations

Board Chair J. Mackert read the closed meeting disclaimer.