



Maryland

Department of
the Environment

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

Date:
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Time: 10:05am

Location: Virtual via Google Meet & 1st Floor
MDE Conference Room

Note:

Attendance				Meeting As Scheduled ☒	Meeting Rescheduled ☐
Board Members	Present	Absent	MDE Staff	Present	Absent
Robert Kutchman MDE	☒	☐	G.K. Sanchez Board Attorney	☒	☐
Amber Durand Consumer Member	☐	☒	Melody Harvey Administrator	☒	☐
Ray Harrison Industry Professional	☐	☒	Nicole Kimbrough Administrator	☒	☐
Bonnie Browne Industry Professional	☒	☐	Seth Eisenstein Administrator	☒	☐
Francis (Eddie) Harrison MOWPA	☒	☐	Guests in attendance:	Alexandra Rubin, MDE; Jessica Cullison, Cullison Excavating LLC	
Julie Mackert Consumer Member	☒	☐			
Kurt Cassell Industry Professional	☒	☐			
Langford Johnson Industry Professional	☐	☒			
Robert Mitchell MD Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors	☐	☒			

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. K. Cassell, E. Harrison, R. Kutchman attended in person J. Mackert and B. Browne attended virtually; A. Durand, R. Harrison, R. Mitchell and L. Johnson were absent. Two guests Alex Rubin (MDE) and Jessica Cullison, Cullison Excavation left meeting 10:19 am.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The posted agenda was reviewed and approved. The motion to approve the Agenda was made by E.Harrison and was seconded by K. Cassell. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Adoption of Open Session Meeting Minutes from 3/18/26

The minutes from the 3/18/26 meeting open session were reviewed and approved without edits. The motion to approve was made by E.Harrison and was seconded by R.Kutchman. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Board Membership

S.Eisenstein addressed the board that B.Browne will not be seeking a second term on the board after her term ends on 6/30/2026. A replacement to the seat has been appointed by the Governor's Appointment Office. Ryon Duncan's term will begin on July 1, 2026. L.Johnson is still a board member and there has not been a replacement found for that seat.

Legislative Update

HB146 / SB165 of 2026 was not passed by the legislature during the 2026 Session. The Bill called for property transfer inspections to be performed with every property transfer or change of tenants, with some additional stipulations. The Bill also would have extended the date of when MDE must enact on-site professional licensing regulations from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2027.

Vote for Closed Session

A motion was made by K. Cassell to go into a closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on review and discussion of the regulation recommendation document. The motion was seconded by E.Harrison, and approved unanimously. Chairperson J. Mackert read the closing statement.

Adjournment

The open session adjourned at 10:19 am.