



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

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026	Time: 10:06am	Location: MDE Aeris Conference Room & Virtual on Google Meet	Note:
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Attendance				Meeting As Scheduled	Meeting Rescheduled
Board Members	Present	Absent	MDE Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melody Harvey Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray Harrison Industry Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kimbrough Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Browne Industry Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Call to Order

Board Chair J. Mackert presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Roll Call

N. Kimbrough conducted a roll call. K. Cassell, E. Harrison, & R. Kutchman were present in-person; J. Mackert and A. Durand attended virtually; R.Harrison, R. Mitchell, B. Browne and L. Johnson were absent.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

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

Review and Adoption of Open Session Meeting Minutes from 12/17/25

The minutes from the 12/17/2025 meeting open session were reviewed and approved without edits. The motion to approve was made by K.Cassell and was seconded by E.Harrison. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

PTI Emergency Regulations

S. Eisenstein reported on the PTI Emergency Regulations have been posted in the Maryland Register. Division of State Documents has posted the Board's new subtitle, 31 - BOARD OF ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS, to their COMAR online platform. The previous sunsetted PTI regulation, COMAR 26.04.12, has been removed from the COMAR webpage.

February Meeting Location

The Board was asked to change the location of our February 18th meeting to accommodate an MDE-wide event that will utilize the Board's normal meeting location. In response, the February meeting will be held in a virtual only format.

S.Eisenstein thanked the Board for accommodating the Governor's Appointment Office request that members submit an appointment renewal application.

Old Business

Discussion and vote on designer certification issue

A motion was made by R. Kutchman 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 K.Cassell, and approved unanimously. Chairperson J. Mackert read the closing statement.

Adjournment

The open session adjourned at 10:21 am.