



# Maryland

Department of  
the Environment

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

**Date:**  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**Time:** 10:04am

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

**Note:**

| Attendance                                                                  |                                     |                                     |                                   | Meeting As<br>Scheduled<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Meeting<br>Rescheduled<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Board Members                                                               | Present                             | Absent                              | MDE Staff                         | Present                                                        | Absent                                             |
| Robert Kutchman<br>MDE                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | G.K. Sanchez<br>Board Attorney    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| Amber Durand<br>Consumer Member                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Melody Harvey<br>Administrator    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| Ray Harrison<br>Industry Professional                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Nicole Kimbrough<br>Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| Bonnie Browne<br>Industry Professional                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Seth Eisenstein<br>Administrator  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| Francis (Eddie) Harrison<br>MOWPA                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Guests in attendance:             |                                                                |                                                    |
| Julie Mackert<br>Consumer Member                                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                   |                                                                |                                                    |
| Kurt Cassell<br>Industry Professional                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                   |                                                                |                                                    |
| Langford Johnson<br>Industry Professional                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                   |                                                                |                                                    |
| Robert Mitchell<br>MD Conference of Local<br>Environmental Health Directors | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                   |                                                                |                                                    |

### Call to Order

Board Vice Chair B.Browne presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

### Roll Call

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

### Adoption of Meeting Agenda

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

### Review and Adoption of Open Session Meeting Minutes from 05/20/26

The minutes from the 05/20/26 meeting open session were reviewed and approved without edits. The motion to approve was made by E.Harrison and was seconded by K.Cassell. The motion passed unanimously.

### Director's Report

S.Eisenstein addressed the board about changes to the board membership and the upcoming need to vote on Board officers. Updated the board on the online licensing portal project being developed by MDE's Water Supply Program called the "Water Application & Verification E-System" or "WAVES". The IT group developing the portal gave a demonstration at a recent Water and Wastewater System Operators (WWSO) Board meeting. Once operational for the WWSO, a version of the portal will be adopted for our use. The portal looks very promising to help us fully implement our licensing program.

### 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 R. Kutchman, and approved unanimously. Vice Chairperson B.Browne read the closing statement.

### Adjournment

The open session adjourned at 10:10am.

### Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 12:33pm.

### New Business

A motion was made by K.Cassell to approve the Board's final recommendation for the regulations to license on-site wastewater professionals, and to send the document to MDE for review. The motion was seconded by R.Kutchman, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote:

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|-----------------|--------|--|------------------|--------|--|
| Robbie Kutchman | For    |  | Kurt Cassell     | For    |  |
| Eddie Harrison  | For    |  | Langford Johnson | Absent |  |
| Bob Mitchell    | Absent |  | Amber Durand     | For    |  |
| Bonnie Browne   | For    |  | Julie Mackert    | Absent |  |
|                 |        |  | Ray Harrison     | For    |  |

### Adjournment

A motion was made by B.Browne to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by R.Kutchman. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.