



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

Date: September 18, 2024 **Time:** 10:00AM **Location:** MDE Aeris Conference Room & Virtual on Google Meet **Note:** The Google Meet unexpectedly ended at approx. 12pm, and was unnoticed until adjournment.

Board Members	Attendance		MDE Staff	Meeting As Scheduled	Meeting Rescheduled
	Present	Absent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vacant MDE	<input 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"/>
Barry Beauchamp Industry Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:	Andrew Lazur	
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 10:07 am.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was conducted by N.Kimbrough for everyone present at the meeting except for A.Durand, B.Beauchamp and L.Johnson who were absent.

Presiding Officer Comments

A welcome was made by J. Mackert to the board members present at the meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The posted Agenda was reviewed and an edit was made to discuss the report from OAG on the requirement of insurance, and was 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 (8/21/24)

The minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting 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.

Executive Director's Report

S.Eisenstein reported that R.Kutchman is not sworn in and is still a guest in meetings while awaiting approval. B.Beauchamp, has been sworn in as a State Delegate; he has been asked to resign from the Board by the Governor's Appointments Office but resignation is not mandatory, and he can still sit on this board. At this time, the board is looking for a replacement member. F.Harrison suggested B.Beauchamp should remain in the board until a new member is found. The board proposed drafting a potential letter to the Water and Science Administration of MDE for updates concerning R.Kutchman's appointment.

New Business

OAG Response to insurance question

Discussed formal written memo from OAG referencing insurance and bonds. MD Env Code 9-11a does not give the Board express authorization to require insurance or bonding for licensure. Such a requirement would leave the Board and MDE open to legal challenge.

Licensing requirements for MD Building Inspectors

Reviewed and discussed licensing requirements for MD building inspectors, including avenues to fulfill their CEU requirements.

Old Business

Licensing Discussion

(i) Review inspector requirements: (For PTI license renewal) The CEU requirement for inspector license was updated to Master- 8 CUEs, Journey- 6 CEU's.

(ii) Complete O&M requirements: For renewal Master O&M provider 8 CEUs; Journey O&M provider 4 CEUs.

(iii) Certifications- definitions, requirements- The board decided to table discussion on certification categories until the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by B.Browne to adjourn the open meeting, and was seconded by K.Cassell. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting (If necessary)

The Meeting did not enter a closed session.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

The Meeting did not enter a closed session.