

Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 2020

DATE: JUNE 11, 2020

MINUTES PREPARED BY: TRACIE ZERWAS

LOCATION: DUE TO COVID-19 MEETING WAS HELD VIA
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Council Members Present

- Charles Dierker, R.S., MDH, State Member – Chair
- Lynn Moore, R.S., City of Bloomington, City Member – Vice Chair
- Duane Hudson, R.S., Hennepin County, County Member
- Nikki Coler, Public Member
- Raymond Starin, MDA, State Member
- Neile Reider, Industry

Council Member(s) Absent

- Robert Anderson, Public Member

MDH Staff Members Present

- Jim Topie, R.S., Sanitarian Registration Program Coordinator
- Tracie Zerwas, State Program Admin. Tech Specialist

Guest

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator

Call to Order

Charles Dierker

- Charles called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the day's agenda.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2020

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020.

Motion: Lynn Moore
Seconded: Neile Reider
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MDH Updates

- NEHA Updates of REHS/RS Exam Testing Locations during COVID-19: Jim Topie
 - Jim handed out a letter from NEHA informing states that testing during COVID-19 was limited at this time.
 - Duane asked that this information be communicated out to the local delegated agencies and the Department of Agriculture as this could affect promotions.
 - Jim stated that he would ask Kim Carlson, MDH to communicate this information out to all locals and the Department of Agriculture.
- Public and Advisory Council Comments: Linda Prail and Jim Topie
 - Linda informed the Council that the Request for Comments regarding the REHS/RS rule revision was at our legal office. She anticipated that the Request for Comments would be published in the State Register this summer.
- Reminder about Per Diem – Jim Topie
 - Jim reminded the Council that all public members were eligible for a Per Diem and if interested to contact Tracie Zerwas.

New Business

- None at this time.

Review of Science Course List

It was previously proposed that sustainability be added to the list of approved science courses. Jim provided the group with some information regarding sustainability.

There was some discussion among the Council members.

Lynn made a motion to table this issue until further research on sustainability or environmental sustainability could be done.

Motion: Lynn Moore
Seconded: Neile Reider
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Duane agreed to do some research and provide more information to the Council.

Approval of Candidates for Registration/Examination

William Alken

William Alken has a B.S. degree in Ecology and Field Biology from St. Cloud State University and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. William is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Caesar V. Pinto

Caesar V. Pinto has a B.S. degree in Biology from University of Philippines, Diliman. Caesar is approved pending receipt and MDH verification of official college transcripts to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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Raymond abstained.

Caesar v. Pinto's official transcripts were received and verified by MDH on August 24, 2020.

Cody J. Tennant

Cody Tennant has a B.S. degree in Fish and Water Resource from University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point and a M.S. degree in Water Resource Science from University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. Cody is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Duane Hudson

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Sheng Yang

Sheng Yang has a B.A. degree in Anthropology from Hamline University and a MPH in Community Science from Tulane University and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. Sheng is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Raymond Starin

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Charles abstained.

Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

- None at this time.

Old Business

- Rule Update and Side-by-Side Rule Language Review: Linda Prail
 - Linda handed out a draft copy of the rule revisions and a side-by-side copy of the rule revision changes for the Council to review and discuss. Some of the changes discussed are listed below:
 - Bachelorette degree was changed to bachelor degree
 - Post Bachelorette degree was changed to master's degree
 - Sanitary engineering would be removed from the list of Environmental Health program areas
 - In Pathway B, language stating that supervision without a degree would be added
 - Linda informed the Council that an MDH attorney has been assigned to work on disciplinary language.
 - Linda also informed the Council that a new State Revisor's version of the revisions would be coming soon. This version will be slightly different from this version and that the Revisor will be using plain language.
 - The Council requested that this topic be placed on the next agenda for further review and discussion.

Other Issues

Jim will reach out to Robert who has missed several meetings.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 and will be held remotely. A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Nikki Coler

Seconded: Neile Reider

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