

Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Tracie Zerwas
LOCATION: Teams videoconference

Council Members Present

- Lynn Moore, R.S., City of Bloomington, City Member – Chair
- Duane Hudson, R.S., Hennepin County, County Member – Vice Chair
- Nikki Coler, Public Member
- Raymond Starin, R.S., MDA, State Member
- Habeke Bekele, Public Member

Council Member Absent

- Peggy Spadafore, R.S., MDH, State Member
- Neile Reider, Industry

MDH Staff Members Present

- Jim Topie, R.S., MDH, Program Coordinator
- Tracie Zerwas, State Program Admin. Tech Specialist
- Jennifer Rief, MDH, Business and Finance Operations Unit

Guest

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator
- Josh Skaar, MDH, Legal Unit
- Emily Parks, MDH, Legal Unit
- Matt Finkenbiner, R.S., MDH, Business and Finance Operations Supervisor

Call to Order

Lynn Moore

- Lynn called the meeting to order.
- The Council completed introductions as a new Public Member, Hebeke Bekele was in attendance for the first time today.
- Jim then provided introductions of other MDH staff members and guests in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Lynn Moore

- A motion was made to approve the day's agenda with a correction to number 8., Other Items, from Tuesday, December 14, 2023, to Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Motion: Duane Hudson

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Seconded: Habeke Bekele
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Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2023

Lynn Moore

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Nikki Coler

MSC

MDH Updates

- Jim informed the Council that Habeke had taken her Oath of Office prior to this meeting and that all proper documentation has been sent to the Secretary of State's Office.
- Jim informed the Council that Tracie has taken a new position within MDH and will no longer be assisting with tasks on this Council.
 - Tracie then thanked the committee for the opportunity to provide administrative tasks for this Council of over 22 years but was excited for the opportunities that awaited her in her new position.
 - Tracie informed the Council that moving forward Jennifer Rief with MDH would be providing her assistance to the Council.
 - The Council thanked Tracie for all her help with this Council and stated they looked forward to working with Jennifer.
- Jim informed the Council that he completed the Annual Report for the Secretary of State's Office.
- Matt Finkenbiner informed the Council that the REHS/RS Registration Program was still waiting on background Financial Management work to be completed on the new E-Licensing System before it could be promoted. He expected promotion of the new system sometime around the beginning of 2024.
- Jim then reminded the Council that three member seats on this Council would be expiring on January 6, 2024, and that he would be reaching out to those three individual members.

Review of Candidate(s) Information

David S. Determan

David S. Determan has a Bachelor of Elective Studies degree with an emphasis in Environmental Studies from St. Cloud State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. David is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Nikki Coler

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Seconded: Duane Hudson
MSC

Aaron P. Glasheen

Aaron P. Glasheen has a B.A. degree in Biology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Aaron is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Raymond Starin
Seconded: Nikki Coler
MSC

Michelle L. Hovanes

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

Motion: Duane Hudson
Seconded: Habeke Bekele
MSC

Cody J. Midthun

Cody J. Midthun has a B.S. degree in Animal Science from North Dakota State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Cody is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Habeke Bekele
Seconded: Raymond Starin
MSC

Seid K. Sheka

Seid K. Sheka has a B.A. degree in Biology, Society, and Environment from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Seid is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Raymond Starin
Seconded: Habeke Bekele
Abstained: Duane Hudson
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Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

None at this time.

Old Business and New Business

- Linda Prail informed the Council that the proposed language was currently at the Revisor's Office.
- Linda then stated that she met with MDH Legal recently and that the proposed fee's as written could not be applied. Changes to the proposed language would be made to address this change.
- Linda also informed the Council that as soon as the revisions were returned to her from the Revisor, she would send them out to the Council for their review.

Other Issues

Jim then addressed the Council with a question he received as to whether a person holding an Xray credential would meet the requirements of 4695.2700, Subp. 5 as a qualified supervisor?

- The Council agreed that a person holding an Xray credential would not meet the requirement of 4695.2700, Subp. 5 as being a qualified supervisor.

Jim then asked if a Doctor of Chiropractic would meet the requirement of 4695.2700, Subp. 5 as a qualified supervisor?

- The Council agreed that a person holding a Doctor of Chiropractic would meet the requirement of 4695.2700, Subp. 5 as being a qualified supervisor.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023, and will be held remotely.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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