

Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 8, 2022

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Tracie Zerwas

LOCATION: Teams videoconference

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
- Neile Reider, Industry
- Raymond Starin, R.S., MDA, State Member

Council Member Absent

- Robert Anderson, Public Member

MDH Staff Members Present

- Tracie Zerwas, State Program Admin. Tech Specialist

Guest

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator
- Nick Anderson, MDH Legal Unit

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: Nikki Coler

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Rule Language Discussion

- Nick Anderson, MDH Legal Office provided an update on the disciplinary action last taken by the Council. Nick informed the Council that their recommendation on the disciplinary action

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was provided to the Attorney General's Office to make sure that the statute is being applied correctly.

- Nick then informed the Council that Josh Skaar with the MDH Legal Office will likely be taken over the REHS/RS rule revision tasks.
- Linda Prail, MDH Rule Coordinator then informed the Council that the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) will be finalized shortly and then sent to Josh Skaar for legal review.

Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2022

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022.

Motion: Neile Reider

Seconded: Raymond Starin

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MDH Updates

- Charles informed the Council that Peggy Spadafore with Minnesota Department of Health will be filling his seat on the Council as the new state member effective January 7, 2023. Lynn and Duane will be re-appointed as Council members.
- Charles than thank all the members for his opportunity to serve on the Council and stated this would be his last meeting.

Review of Candidate(s) Information

Trevor L. McCliment

Trevor L. McCliment has a B.S. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Biochemistry from the Evergreen State College-Olympia Washington and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Trevor 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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Thomas A. Robertson

Thomas A. Robertson has a B.S. degree in Health Sciences from Trident University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Thomas 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

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Cameron J. Painschab

Cameron J. Painschab has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from the University of Minnesota - Duluth and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Cameron is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Neile Reider
Seconded: Nikki Coler
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Josephine N. Schmit

Josephine N. Schmit has a B.S. degree in Food Science from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and meets the one-year of supervised employment (indirect supervision). Josephine 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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Dylan M. Siem

Dylan M. Siem has a B.S. degree in Dairy Science from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Dylan 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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Jun Wei Tan

Jun Wei Tan has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Jun is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Duane Hudson
Seconded: Raymond Starin
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Rebecca F. Thomes

Rebecca F. Thomes has a B.S. degree in Community Health Education from Minnesota State University Mankato and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Rebecca is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Neile Reider

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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Megan C. West

Megan C. West has a B.S. degree in Biology/Wildlife Biology from Missouri State University. Rebecca is approved with the following conditions:

The Council was unable to verify the credential/qualifications of Micha Wekenborg-Tomka and Rebecca has not completed one year employment with Olmsted County.

To be eligible to take the NEHA online exam to become a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian, the information listed below must be received, reviewed and approval granted by the Minnesota Department of Health. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

√ Evidence of at least one-year supervised employment

- Provide a copy of Micha Wekenborg-Tomka's credentials; or
- Complete and provide another Minnesota REHS/RS Supervised Employment Verification Form from Olmsted County or another employer after Rebecca's one year of qualifying supervised employment has been reached.

If Rebecca is unable to provide a copy of Micha Wekenborg-Tomka's credentials or a completed Minnesota REHS/RS Supervised Employment Verification Form after her one year of employment has been reached, Rebecca will not be allowed to sit for the exam due to disqualification because she was unable to meet the requirement of 4695.2700, Subpart 1, B.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

None at this time.

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New Business

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

- A motion was made to elect Duane Hudson as the new vice chair effective January 7, 2023.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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- A motion was made to elect Lynn Moore as the new chair effective January 7, 2023.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Duane Hudson

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Large files will be shared with Lynn Moore through our SharePoint site.

Old Business

None at this time.

Other Issues

No additional items at this time.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023, and will be held remotely.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Neile Reider

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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