

Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 6, 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
- Peggy Spadafore, R.S., MDH, State Member

Council Member Absent

- Neile Reider, Industry
- Vacant, Public Member

MDH Staff Members Present

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

Guests

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator
- Josh Skaar, MDH Legal Unit

Call to Order

Lynn Moore

- Lynn called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Lynn Moore

- A motion was made to approve the days agenda.

Motion: Raymond Starin

Seconded: Duane Hudson

MSC

Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2023

Lynn Moore

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023.

Motion: Nikki Coler

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Seconded: Raymond Starin
MSC

MDH Updates

Tracie provided the Council updates regarding the progress of the new electronic payment system coming to MDH.

Review of Candidate(s) Information

Elizabeth A. Lyons – Expired Registration – Retaking Exam

Elizabeth A. Lyons has a B.A. degree in Geoscience from the University of Tulsa and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Elizabeth is approved to re-take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Peggy Spadafore
MSC

Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

Robert C. Davis

Robert C. Davis has a B.S. degree in Hydrology from Salish Kootenai College in Montana and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Raymond Starin
MSC

Christopher J. Foster

Christopher J. Foster has a B.S. degree in Food Science from University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Raymond Starin

Seconded: Peggy Spadafore
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Old Business

- Linda Prail thanked the Council members for reviewing the draft proposed rule language changes and went over additional changes made from their recommendations.

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- Linda then explained to the Council that MDH is planning on publishing this version of the proposed language in the State Register.
- Linda then asked the Council members for recommendations on associations affected by these rule revisions that MDH could reach out to. The Council recommended that MDH reach out to the Minnesota Environmental Health Association and the Local Public Health Association.
- Linda then asked the Council members if they felt there were any additional ways to add equity to this rule. The Council suggested trainee positions or internships and bringing in the younger generation for feedback.

New Business

None at this time.

Other Issues

No additional items at this time.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am and will be held remotely.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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