

# Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Jennifer Rief  
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
- Peggy Spadafore, R.S., MDH, State Member
- Nikki Coler, Public Member
- Raymond Starin, R.S., MDA, State Member
- Neile Reider, Industry

## Council Member Absent

- Habeke Bekele, Public Member

## MDH Staff Members Present

- Jim Topie, R.S., MDH, Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Rief, MDH, Business and Finance Operations Unit
- Christian Kraemer, R.S., MDH, Enforcement Coordinator

## Guest

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator
- Matt Finkenbiner, R.S., MDH, Business and Finance Operations Supervisor

## Call to Order

Lynn Moore

- Lynn called the meeting to order.
- 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.

Motion: Raymond Starin

Seconded: Peggy Spadafore

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## Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2023

Lynn Moore

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 13, 2023.

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Motion: Duane Hudson  
Seconded: Peggy Spadafore  
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### **MDH Updates**

- Jim informed the Council that the appointment and re-appointment procedure has been changed by the Secretary of State and the MDH Commissioner'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 February 2024 UA testing. MDH will be asking for external partners to help with testing of the new system in February or March of 2024. Lynn will ask City of Bloomington staff to help with UA testing. Matt let the Council know that all currently registered sanitarians will be assigned new numbers. Matt stated the goal for launch is April or May of 2024. Applicants will be printing their own credential. Duane Hudson asked about a communication plan for the current Registered Sanitarians regarding all of the changes that will be happening. There will be information with links and instructions on the renewals mailed out.
- Jim talked about the new Executive Order implemented by the Governor's office. State Departments can diversify their hiring, diversify who is applying and who can meet credential requirements. This is just for state jobs and does not supersede the requirements for city or county jobs. Linda stated the credentialing in rule or statute is not totally affected by this executive order.
- Jim announced he will be retiring in June 2024 and Christian Kraemer will be taking over as Coordinator of the Council.

### **Review of Candidate(s) Information**

#### **Seth V Cordry**

Seth Cordry has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree from St. Cloud State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Seth is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Raymond Starin  
Seconded: Duane Hudson  
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#### **Holland Perttula**

Holland Perttula has a B.S. degree in Food Science from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Holland is approved to take the

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examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Peggy Spadafore  
Seconded: Neile Reider  
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**Yutaka Roane**

Yutaka Roane has a B.S. degree in Health Science from California State University, Fullerton and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Yutaka is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Neile Reider  
Seconded: Peggy Spadafore  
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**Holly Sievers**

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

Motion: Duane Hudson  
Seconded: Neile Reider  
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**Colton A Sveningson**

Colton A Sveningson has a B.S. degree in Environmental Studies from Bemidji State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Colton is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Nikki Coler  
Seconded: Duane Hudson  
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**Candidates Applying for Reciprocity**

**Bailey Bannon**

Bailey Bannon has a B.S. degree in Environmental and Sustainability Studies from the University of Utah in Utah and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Peggy Spadafore  
Seconded: Nikki Coler  
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**Daniel R Evans**

Daniel R Evans has a M.S. degree in Public Health, Infectious Disease and Microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Raymond Starin  
Seconded: Nikki Coler  
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**Brian D Hinn**

Brian D Hinn has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from the American Public University System, American Military University in West Virginia and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Nikki Coler  
Seconded: Peggy Spadafore  
Abstained: Duane Hudson  
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**Abdinasir M Museid**

Abdinasir M Museid has a B.S. degree in Geology from York College, City University of New York in New York and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. The candidate is approved for registration.

Motion: Duane Hudson  
Seconded: Neile Reider  
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**Old Business and New Business**

- Linda Prail informed the Council that MDH has come to the conclusion internally that there is a version of the proposed rules ready to go out for public notice.

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- Linda then stated that the Governor’s office has all proposals be put in bill form. We are waiting for the Revisor’s office to put the proposed rules in bill form.
- There will be dual notices unless 25 or more people request a public hearing once posted for comments.

**Other Issues**

None at this time

**Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024, and will be held remotely.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Neile Reider

Seconded: Peggy Spadafore

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