

**STATE BOARD OF SANITARIAN REGISTRATION
77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 16TH FLOOR
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-6108
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2005**

PRESENT:

Board Members: Janet Rickabaugh, R.S., Linda Aller, R.S., David Winfough, R.S., Roger Suppes, R.S. and Angela Henderson, R.S.

Executive Secretary: Lynn Jones

Assistant Attorney General: Scott Myers

ABSENT: Duane Snyder, R.S. and Gary Silverman, R.S.

The regular meeting of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration was held at 77 South High Street in the Main Boardroom on the 31st Floor in Columbus, Ohio. Chairperson, Janet Rickabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was mailed to members in advance of the meeting.

L. Jones requested that *Denise Pekarcik's* name be added under New Business, Item 8(B) Correspondence.

R. Suppes moved to approve the amended agenda. A. Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES

D. Winfough moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2005 regular meeting. L. Aller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A. Henderson reported that she and L. Jones are scheduled to give a presentation at the Ohio Department of Health, Division of Quality Assurance Conference in August 2005. Henderson and Jones gave a presentation to this same group last August.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

04-S-3 Gina Ross

At 10:16 a.m. an administrative hearing was conducted in the matter of Gina M. Ross- proposed denial of sanitarian-in-training registration. Janet Rickabaugh presided over the hearing. Scott Myers, Assistant Attorney General represented the state of Ohio. The hearing concluded at 10:28 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

L. Aller reported that the update and review of the PES Examination will take place May 12 and 13, 2005 in New York City. She added that participants have been asked to bring at least one reference.

L. Jones will check with the State Library of Ohio for Board-donated reference material.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

05-S-1 Robert Haas

At 10:39 a.m. an administrative hearing was conducted in the matter of Robert Haas appealing the Board's action to deny his application for sanitarian-in-training. Janet Rickabaugh presided over the hearing. Scott Myers, Assistant Attorney General represented the state of Ohio. Mr. Haas represented himself. The hearing concluded at 11:31 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

REVENUE AND SPENDING REPORT FY 2005

L. Jones referred to the FY 2005 Financial Report *attached*. Expenditures as March 31, 2005 totaled \$96,065 or 76% of the Board's appropriation for FY 2005. Revenue for the same period totaled \$119,675.

Major maintenance expenditures for March 2005 included 2nd quarter postage at \$1,005.

D. Winfough moved to approve the Financial Report. A. Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2006-2007 BIENNIUM BUDGET – HB 66

L. Jones reported that the initial regulatory boards consolidation plan in HB 66 became fractured as it passed out of the House of Representatives with seven boards being exempted from consolidation: Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Accountancy, Engineers, Architects and Nursing. As it currently stands, efficiencies would be minimal with potential higher costs for exempted boards. As a result, board directors discussed an alternative plan, which was drafted into an amendment that deletes the existing consolidation and replaces it with a plan to enhance services provided by Central Service Agency. The plan places the boards under the cabinet agency of the Department of Administrative Services, but provides that boards have final say on all program, budget, and personnel matters.

R. Suppes raised the fact that, unlike the original HB 66 consolidation as introduced in the Executive Budget, the alternative amendment does not include the important aspect of a year's worth of study to determine whether the plan achieves accountability and efficiency.

After further discussion regarding HB 66 and the Board's upcoming budget hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, it was the consensus of the Board that testimony should continue to pledge cooperation with the priorities of the Governor.

L. Jones will draft testimony and forward to members for review and comment.

FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 AUDIT

L. Jones reported that an audit of the Board's current system for FY 2003 and 2004 is underway. Auditors are testing internal controls, reviewing payroll and non-payroll expenditures, renewal and licensing. At the conclusion, a letter of findings and recommendations will be released and sent to the Board Chair.

MARCH 24, 2005 EXAMINATION

Sixty-four candidates took the examination on 3/24/05. Thirty-one (31) or 48% passed.

32 candidates took the exam for the first time. Of the 32, 44% passed (14).

15 candidates took the exam for the 2nd time. Of the 15, 40% passed (6).

17 candidates took the exam for the 3rd or more time. Of the 17, 65% passed (11)

D. Winfough reported that the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners Committee, established to determine the high failure rate of the sanitarian registration examination has on local health districts, concluded that the examination passing score should remain at 70%. He added that a written recommendation is forthcoming.

L Jones will send AOHC committee members the most recent examination statistics.

HEARING ACTIONS

04-S-3 Gina Ross

R. Suppes moved to affirm denial of Gina Ross's application for sanitarian-in-training based upon insufficient hours of science/math. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

05-S-1 Robert Haas

S. Myers suggested that the Board may want to hold the record open regarding Robert Haas 05-S-1 until May 25, 2005 for the submission of any and all material to support courses claimed as meeting the requirements of Rule 4736-8-01 of the Administrative Code, including: the Navy Supply Corps School, navigational courses, and independent study.

R. Suppes moved to keep the record open regarding Robert Haas 05-S-1 until May 25, 2005 for the submission of any and all material to support courses claimed as meeting the requirement. L. Aller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION – S.I.T. CREDENTIAL AFTER FIVE-YEARS OF PRACTICE

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the designation S.I.T. after five years of practice.

S. Myers advised that a sanitarian-in-training cannot continue to be a sanitarian-in-training after five years of practice. He added that the terms *Registered Sanitarian* and *Sanitarian-in-Training* as used in Section 4736.15 of the Revised Code are protective terms for practicing sanitarians.

Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of Revised Code Sections 4736.10 and 4736.15 and the maximum time a sanitarian-in-training has to advance to a registered sanitarian.

J. Rickabaugh suggested that the current policy, *Clarification of Sanitarian-in-Training Experience/Practice Timelines* be distributed electronically for Board review and future discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence from Denise Pekarcik was reviewed. She seeks to apply for registered sanitarian and inquired as to which application should be completed. Although she passed the examination in December 2001 and has

fulfilled the experience requirement, her sanitarian-in-training registration lapsed in July 2003.

The consensus of the Board and legal counsel was that since Ms. Pekarcik has fulfilled all requirements for registered sanitarian, which included passing the examination at the current passing rate (70%), she should be permitted to apply for registered sanitarian registration.

CONSIDERATION OF RULE AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to Section 4736-1-01 *Definitions* and 4736-11-05 *Registration and Approval of Training Agency* were reviewed.

4736-1-01

Minor changes were made that resulted in final language:

(I)“Full-time employment” means filling a full-time position as characterized by one’s employer or employers; or an accumulation of two thousand eighty hours, or a period of employment with cumulative total hours that are equivalent to the employer or employers full-time position.

L. Aller moved to approve the amended language. R. Suppes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4736-11-05

D. Winfough moved to approve the amended language in Rule 4736-11-05 *attached*. A. Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION - TRAINING AGENCIES

The list of continuing education requests submitted by approved training agencies was reviewed *attached*.

D. Winfough moved to approve training agency requests 05-146 through 05-171 and 05-132 for the listed hours with the following exceptions:

05-157	6.0
05-163	1.0

A. Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION - INDIVIDUALS

The list of continuing education requests submitted by individuals was reviewed *attached*. D. Winfough moved to approve individual requests 664 through 774 and 5119 for the listed hours with the following exceptions:

684	2.0 hours
695	6.25 hours

A. Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPLICATIONS FOR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

The list of applicants for sanitarian-in-training was reviewed *attached*.

L. Aller moved to accept 69, 79, 81, 82 and 84 through 90 for sanitarian-in-training registration. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved as sanitarians-in-training: 69. Joan Snider, 79. Amanda Maurer, 81. Gina Kim, 82. Michael Goshorn, 84. Lonnie Butler, 85. Gregory Kaiser, 86. Paul Greco, 87. Laura Fauss, 88. Kelli Dodd, 89. David Sage, and 90. Catherine Crosby.

L. Aller moved to propose to deny 78. Amos Sarfo sanitarian-in-training registration based upon lack of the required hours of science/math. R. Suppes seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: L. Aller reported that the course Medical Geography (submitted by A. Sarfo in support of his application) is a sociology course; not a science course. The committee determined that Mr. Sarfo earned 29 semester hours of science/math.

Motion carried 4-0.

L. Aller moved to request more information from applicants 80. Olawale Ajiboye and 83. Patricia Burton-Marsh. R. Suppes seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: L. Aller advised that the committee determined that applicant 80. Olawale Ajiboye earned 24 definite semester hours of science/math. Ms. Aller noted that other courses may be acceptable, but the committee will need additional information regarding how they were accepted and what they were about.

L. Aller advised that applicant 83. Patricia Burton-Marsh earned 29.5 definite quarter hours. The committee will need more information defining additional courses that meet the science requirement with course descriptions or syllabi.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO REGISTERED SANITARIAN

L. Aller moved to approve 37 through 45 for advancement to registered sanitarian. R. Suppes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved as registered sanitarians: 37. Terri Gerhardt, 38. Patricia McGilly, 39. Dan Marn, 40. Timothy Angel, 41. Michael Adair, 42. James Weber, 43. Brian Kwolek, 44. Jennifer Rouse, and 45. Dorothy Eischen.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED SANITARIAN – ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION

L. Aller moved to approve 2. Wayne Toczek's education and experience for eligibility to take the registration examination. R. Suppes seconded the motion.

REINSTATEMENTS

The list of reinstatements was reviewed. D. Winfough moved to reinstate 1. through 6. L. Aller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Reinstated as Registered Sanitarians: 1. Dale Stanley, 2. Kenneth Hermiller, 3. Kevin Fields, and 4. Donald Grubbs.

Reinstated as Sanitarians-in-Training: 5. William Pointer and 6. Gary Shields.

SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING EXTENSION REQUESTS

The Board reviewed the sanitarian-in-training extension request submitted by Maria Lammers.

R. Suppes moved to grant Maria Lammers a one-year extension. L. Aller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVER REQUESTS

L. Aller moved to grant Rebecca Keller an eighteen (18) hour continuing education waiver. R. Suppes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The terms of Gary Silverman and Linda Aller will expire on August 15, 2005. Both have expressed a willingness to continue as members.

J. Rickabaugh advised that she would be retiring in August 2005.

L. Jones will follow through, pursuant to Board policy, with notifications to OEHA, AOHC, and OPHA.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

June 1, 2005 – Janet Rickabaugh advised that she will be unable to attend the June 1st meeting.

July 20, 2005

September 7, 2005

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Lynn M. Jones
Executive Secretary

Chairman

Witness