

MINUTES
Environmental Health Scientist Licensing Board

August 9, 2006
Room 474, formerly 4A
160 E 300 S Heber Wells Bldg.
Salt Lake City Utah

Convened: 9:03 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:47 a.m.

Division Staff Present:

Division Director
Bureau Manager
Board Secretary

Daniel T. Jones
Lee Avery

Members Present:

Dwight Hill, Chairperson
Ralph Clegg
Jeffrey R. Coombs
Richard Engar, DDS
Bruce Costa

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Minutes

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes for August 24, 2005 were reviewed. Dr. Engar motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Mr. Clegg. The motion carried unanimously.

Swear in new Board Members

Mr. Bruce Costa was sworn in as the new Board member.

Elect a new Chairperson

Dr. Engar nominated Mr. Hill for the new Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Clegg. Mr. Hill was elected unanimously as the new Chairperson

Discussion:

Public Meeting – Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones reviewed the statute changes made by the Utah State Legislators regarding public meetings now being recorded. The hard copy is will still be the official record.

National Environmental Health
Association (NEHA) National Testing –
Heidi Shaw, teleconference

Mr. Jones advised the Board presently there are a total of three hundred and twenty (320) Environmental Health Scientist licenses issued, four (4) so far this year. Mr. Jones expressed concerns with the National Association removing the exam from Experior sooner than expected and the many problems this created. Mr. Jones stated the letter he received from NEHA indicates this was only because of irreconcilable differences.

Mr. Jones advised the Board that Ms. Heidi Shaw had proposed two (2) scenarios, neither of which would

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work for Utah. The Division does not have the resources to designate test dates and give out test numbers. The Law and Rule exam is required by statute and will still be taken through Thomson/Prometric. The Board expressed concerns regarding the cost of the NEHA exam and the exam being available only one time a year.

The Board held a teleconference with NEHA Representative Ms. Heidi Shaw. Ms. Shaw advised the Board there were several options the Board could choose. Ms. Shaw outlined NEHA's education and experience requirements to take the exam. The Board noted these are the same requirements for licensure in Utah. Ms. Shaw stated NEHA's policy that if the exam is failed, it can be re-taken after ninety (90) days. This time frame has been waived by NEHA on an individual employment needs basis and the cost of the exam depends on the option the Board prefers to take. Mr. Hill motioned to pursue Laser Grade testing at this time, seconded by Mr. Costa. The motion carried unanimously. After further discussion with Ms. Shaw, Mr. Jones asked her to e-mail him the information including fees.

Rule Change – Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board, since the exam and license requirements in Utah are the same; there are no changes to make in the rules.

UEH Association Child Care letter-HB236
– Daniel T. Jones

UEH Child Care Letter.
Mr. Hill advised the Board the letter from UEH Association Child Care, HB236 is requiring the local health departments to inspect the in home day cares for food safety issues, only food safety. The child care facilities are required to request the inspection in order to get their licensing. **The inspection is required. The Board took no action.**

Dr. Engar motioned to adjourn at 9:47.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is to be scheduled.

April 15, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Ralph Clegg, Acting Chairperson
Environmental Health Scientist Licensing Board

April 15, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing