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PESTICIDE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTTENDANCE

Taryn LaScola, Designee for Commissioner Ashely Randle, MDAR (Chair)	Present
Meg Blanchet, DPH, Designee for Commissioner Goldstein	Present
Michael Moore, DPH, Food Protection Program	Absent
Misty Anne Marold, DFG, Designee for Commissioner O'Shea	Present
Sage Grace, DEP, Designee for Commissioner Heiple	Present
Eric Seaborn, DCR, Designee for Commissioner Arrigo	Present
Richard Berman, Commercial Applicator	Present
Steven Ward, Farmer	Present
Jack Looney, Public Member	Present
R. Christopher Brittan, Public Member	Absent
Rosemary Malfi, Public Member	Present
Nicole Bloor, Public Member	Present

The Board did meet or exceed the minimum number (7) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

A. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 25, 2026

Motion to Approve Minutes: S. Ward
Second: J. Looney
Discussion: None
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

B. PESTICIDE PROGRAM UPDATES, TARYN LASCOLA

Open Pesticide Board Seat: There was only one submission with the first call for the open Board seat, so a second call was sent out. We received two additional letters of interest. They will be sent to the Gov's office for review and next steps.

Glyphosate Review: T. LaScola stated that the Pesticide Board Subcommittee will begin discussions about the registration of Glyphosate at the next Subcommittee meeting in July (21st). This is relative to the individual review. As a reminder, a Glyphosate Commission was established by legislation a few years back

and scientific review was commissioned. That review along with additional information was provided to the Subcommittee for the individual review.

Comment: R. Berman stated that he hoped the Subcommittee could also begin discussions on the Rodenticide individual review. T. LaScola stated that MDAR could add the timeline for the Rodenticide individual review to the July agenda.

D. INSURANCE WAIVER FOR ARMEN CASARJIAN

The Board considered a request from Armen Casarjian concerning the insurance requirement to hold a pesticide license. T. LaScola explained that he owns a four unit building in which he resides in one of them. He took and passed the pesticide license exam but was having difficulty meeting the insurance requirements.

The Board discussed the insurance requirements and had additional questions for MDAR legal counsel who was not present at the time of the meeting. The following questions were asked to be brought back to legal counsel for discussion at the next Board meeting:

- Can conditions be placed on the insurance waiver?
- Is the Board liable if they grant a waiver and then there is an issue/accident with an application Casarjian made?
- Does the form of ownership of the property change (private vs. LLC) impact the decision for a waiver?

Motion to postpone this topic until the next meeting: J. Looney
Second: Meg Blanchet
Discussion: M. Marold summarized the questions that the Board would legal to be able to answer
In Favor: M. Blanchet, M. Moore, M. Marold, S. Ward, J. Looney, S. Grace, R. Malfi, N. Bloor, T. LaScola
Opposed: R. Berman

E. ENDANGERED SPEICES LABEL LANGUAGE CHANGES

T. LaScola reviewed changes to pesticide label language resulting from endangered species requirements. The discussion addressed EPA label language that directs applicators to review Mitigation Menus and use Bulletins Live! Two when required by the product label.

T. LaScola noted that MDAR has been conducting high level outreach to growers and applicators about the changes and they plan to continue to do so and provide more detailed outreach in the future.

F. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

H. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: R. Malfi
Second: M. Marold
Discussion: None
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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