

Environmental Health Professional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

1. Roll

Attendance: Michael Lawhorn, Tim Wallace, Keith Burney, Shawn Sombutmai, Michael Crea

2. CEHP Renewal

- a. The CEHP Certification Renewal Deadline is September 30, 2025. Tons of applications being submitted the past few weeks to CEHP Program Consultant.
- b. According to Rule 64E-18.004(4), Florida Administrative Code, if applicants haven't renewed their certification by September 30, 2025, their certification reverts to inactive status, and they may not perform any CEHP duties.
- c. A certificate can remain inactive no longer than 3 months, if it is not renewed by then, it will expire. Any current active CEHP who hasn't renewed by December 31, 2025, will have their certification expire as of January 1, 2026. If they seek to become certified again, they will have to go through the Initial CEHP Application Process all over again.

3. EHT Update

- a. SB 1582 creates the Environmental Health Professional (EHT) position which exempts them from "*certain certification requirements under certain circumstances*".
- b. According to the bill, EHT's are individuals employed or assigned the responsibility for conducting septic inspections under the supervision of a certified environmental health professional. The EHT must have completed training approved by the department and have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to carry out these tasks.
- c. We are currently in the Rulemaking phase which addresses the process for application, examination, issuance, expiration, and renewal of certification and ethical standards or practice for the profession.

4. Comments

- a. Please make sure to spread the word to colleagues about the CEHP Renewal deadline and advise them to submit at their earliest convenience.
- b. Board member Tim Wallace will be retiring in about a month, but will continue to be a member of the Board.

5. Adjourn
