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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD April 7, 2023

(Pending Board Approval: May 10, 2023)

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

| MEMBERS | APPOINTMENT | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Michael Celona | Chair | X | |
| Mr. William Salomaa | Vice Chair | X | |
| Mr. Blake Lukis | Member | X | |
| Mr. Dave Coppes | Member | X | |
| Mr. Andrew Reid | Member | X | |
| Ms. Ruth Alfasso | Member | X | |
| Mass. Labor Representative | Vacant | | |
| STAFF | POSITION | | |
| Lynn Read | Board Counsel | X | |
| Brian O'Connell | Executive Director | X | |
| Aashna Alim | Office Admin | X | |

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 10:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Public Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2023
- Public Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2023

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2023, and Public Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2023.

Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

DOL UPDATE:

Discussed by Board Counsel Lynn Read / Brian O'Connell

- Open Meeting Law amendment – remote public meetings extended until March 31, 2025
- Brian O'Connell was introduced as Acting Executive Director, Drinking Water Board



DISCUSSION:

- Appeal Board denial of D3-Full licensure- Michael Retzky.
Upon Board Review of the applicant’s information, it was determined that additional information will be required from the applicant.
- Exam Waiver – Brian Crosbie.
Mr. Crosbie appeared before the Board to discuss his application for a waiver from the requirement to take the Advanced Treatment prerequisite course. A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to approve the Waiver. Roll Call Board Vote: Yes – Alfasso, Coppes, Reid, Saloma, Celona. No – Lukis.
- Reschedule DW Board meeting – May 5, 2023
The May meeting scheduled for May 5, 2023, will be rescheduled. Chair Celona will poll members to identify a new date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED UNDER G.L. C. 30A, § 21(A)(1), CHARACTER RATHER THAN COMPETENCE

MOTION: To move to Executive Session to consider an applicant’s character rather than competence, was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso. Roll Call Vote – Alfasso, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor. Member Coppes was recused and abstained.

- See separate minutes.

DISCUSSION, CONTINUED:

Proposed Definition Full Time Experience, 236 CMR 2.00

In response to questions about the draft regulation not to accept overtime and to require experience measured in years, the Board discussed the regulation and policy around equating 2,000 hours with 1 year of full-time experience and not accepting overtime. The Board received public remarks in favor of accepting overtime. The staff will convey the Board's position to the administration.

RECIPROCITY: None received.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

| Organization | Course | Course ID# | TCHs | Status |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| NEWWA | PFAS in Drinking Water / Tools for Water Utilities | <i>DWT-2023-11</i> | 6.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Distribution I - Session 1 | <i>DWT-2023-12</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Water Treatment 1 - Session 2 | <i>DWT-2023-13</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Management/Finance - Session 3 | <i>DWT-2023-14</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Emergency Preparedness / Safety - Session 4 | <i>DWT-2023-15</i> | 3.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Customer Service - Session 5 | <i>DWT-2023-16</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Distribution II - Session 6 | <i>DWT-2023-17</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Water Treatment II - Session 7 | <i>DWT-2023-18</i> | 2.00 | Approved |

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| NEWWA | Young Professionals - Session 8 | <i>DWT-2023-19</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | SCADA and Operational Tech- Session 9 | <i>DWT-2023-20</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Water Resources-Session 10 | <i>DWT-2023-21</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Distribution/Storage-Session 11 | <i>DWT-2023-22</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Water Treatment III- Session 12 | <i>DWT-2023-23</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Dams- Session 13 | <i>DWT-2023-24</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Regulatory- Session 14 | <i>DWT-2023-25</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Distribution III- Session 15 | <i>DWT-2023-26</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Water Treatment IV- Session 16 | <i>DWT-2023-27</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Asset Management Data - Session 17 | <i>DWT-2023-28</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Groundwater - Session 18 | <i>DWT-2023-29</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Cross Connections - Session 19 | <i>DWT-2023-30</i> | 2.00 | Approved |
| NEWWA | Diversity & Allyship Breakfast | <i>DWT-2023-31</i> | 1.00 | Approved |
| Hazen & Sawyer | Treatment Plant Maintenance Optimization | <i>DWT-2023-32</i> | 1.00 | Approved |
| Hazen & Sawyer | Leveraging Remote Sensing to Optimize Source Water Management and Protection | <i>DWT-2023-33</i> | 1.00 | Approved |
| Water Otter | 15 courses | <i>Pending</i> | — | Pending |
| American Water College | 26 courses | <i>Pending</i> | — | Pending |

**TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE
STATUS (COVID-19):**

| Name of PWS | TEC# | Status |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Camp Squanto | #2023-27 | Approved |
| Primo VND | Multiple | Pending |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public remarks were made.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None

APPLICATION REVIEW:

| Last Name | First Name | Applying for | Outcome | Decision at Meeting |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Emerson | Joseph | D3-Full | Approved | |
| Allen | Matthew | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Mesa | Nickolas | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Jordan | Justin | D1-Full | Approved | |

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| Retzky | Michael | D3-Full | <i>Pending</i> | |
| Hamm | Jason | T3-Full upgrade | Approved for T2-Full | |
| Tittmann | Craig | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Schindell | Jeff | VSS-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Approved |
| Guazzaloca | Eric | D3-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Petyoshin | Petar | T2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Cronin | Matthew | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Karpeichik | Matthew | T1-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Loja | Jonathan | D2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Sanchez | Tomas | D1-Full upgrade | Denied | |
| Gulizia | Anthony | D2-Full upgrade | Denied | |
| Mosca | Michael | D1-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Reynolds | Edward | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Langlan | Eric | T4-Full | Approved | |
| Leduc | Robert | D1-Full | Approved for OIT | |
| Peraino | John | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Mazeika | Christopher | VSS-Full | Approved | |
| Dixon | Michael | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Barton | Christopher | T1-Full upgrade | Denied | |
| Barton | Christopher | D1-Full upgrade | Denied | |
| Spinale | John | T4-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Maroney | Timothy | D2-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Approved |
| Jacques | Corey | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Marlowe | Mark | T2-Full | Approved | |
| Stone | Brendan | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Bondar | Andrew | T2-Full upgrade | Additional information needed | |
| Comeau | David | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Bondar | Andrew | D2-Full upgrade | Additional information needed | |
| Yacino | Samuel | T2-Full | Approved | |
| Wesley | Kyle | T1-Full | Approved | |
| Gallant | Mark | D1-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Approved for OIT |
| Gallant | Mark | VSS-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Additional information needed |
| Aveiro | Kenneth | D4-Full upgrade | Denied | |
| Macaruso | Daniel | D2-Full | Approved | |
| DeRienzo | Michael | T2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Calo | Robert | D3-Full | Approved | |
| Henderson | Ian | T4-Full upgrade | <i>Pending</i> | Hold till June 2023 |
| Grenier | Joseph | D1-Full | Approved for OIT | |
| Nguyen | Thai | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Randall | Casey | D2-Full | Approved | |
| Ruane | Brian | D2-Full | Approved | |

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| Ruane | Brian | T2-Full | Approved | |
| Patruno | James | D1-Full | Approved | |
| Singh | Sandeep | T4-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Thibodeau | David | D1-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Approved for OIT |
| Mowry | Beau | T2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Hanlon | Richard | D1-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Rupolo | Michael | T2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Bezanson | Brian | D3-Full | <i>Pending</i> | Retake D3 exam or submit DC reinstatement and then upgrade |
| Lynch | Dale | T1-Full upgrade | <i>Pending</i> | Approved |
| Lynch | Dale | D1-Full upgrade | <i>Pending</i> | Denied |
| Lynch | Dale | VSS-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Rice | Leon | T2-Full upgrade | Approved | |
| Silva | Matthew | T2-Full | Approved | |
| Ciaramella | Chris | D2-Full | Approved | |

*Member Coppes recuses himself from any MWRA license applications.

**Member Lukis recuses himself from any Dedham-Westwood Water District license applications

***Member Reid recuses himself from any Chelmsford Water District license applications.

****Member Celona recuses himself from any Lynn Water & Sewer Commission applications.

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to approve licenses indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made to adjourn was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso. Roll Call Vote – Unanimous — Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 12:09 P.M

Respectfully Submitted By:

DRAFT

Michael Celona, Chair

Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

Documents Used in Meeting:

Agenda for April 7, 2023

Draft Public Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2023

Draft of Public Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2023

Draft 236 CMR 2.00

Exam waiver request - Crosbie

Various applications for licensure pending decisions