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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Facilities
June 5, 2021
BOARD MINUTES
(Approved October 1, 2021)

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 10:06 A.M.

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Maynard	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	
Karen R. Brann	Executive Director	X	
Mary McCarthy-Collins	Assoc. Executive Director	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin		

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Draft Meeting Minutes 3/5/21 – Minutes reviewed and changes recommended.

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Minutes Tabled

DPL UPDATE:

- Ms. Brann reported that DPL is on track to require all Drinking Water Applications to be submitted online effective 6/30/21. Notice of change was posted on DPL web site.



- Chair is working with DPL to streamline online application processing:
- Member Reid and Maynard discussed status of ABC Exam question set. Customized Exam is the current exam for MA operators and is based on 2008 question set. The ABC Standardized Exam (2019) is based on “peer reviewed” question set.
- Iowa and Ohio Operator Certification programs have adopted the “ABC 2019 Standardized Exam”. More information will be obtained and reported to Board.
- MOTION was made: To continue to evaluate the merits of the ABC Customized and ABC Standardized exams made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa.
- Ms. Read reported that she prepared regulations for final vote by Board today and then review by appropriate DPL staff and the Secretariat.
- The DW Board will not be offering an extension for obtaining TCHs during the 12/31/2021 licensing period. There are a number of online training classes offering TCHs and the DW Board will continue to monitor the situation.

DISCUSSION:

Association of Boards of Administration (ABC) customer service representative Tom Healy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current status of the MA operator exam.

- MA currently using the 2008 ABC customized exam.
- ABC Standardized exam was updated in 2019. A series of questions were eliminated from 2019 Standardized Exam; including but not limited to: SDWA Regulatory questions and a number of technical topics questions.
- Board discussed whether it was better to move the licensing exams from the current “ABC Customized Exam” to the “ABC 2019 Standardized Exam”. Board Chair will do additional research and report back.

Karen Brann : All applications will be submitted online starting 6/30/21- Notice has been placed on DPL website.

- Chair is working with online application processing.

RECIPROCITY: No applications.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID #	TCHs	Comment
EPA/General Dynamics	Climate Resiliency Evaluation & Assessment Tool (CREAT)	DWT-2021-45-COVID19-45	2	
AWWA/USDA/NEWWA (host)	Rate Setting & Accessing Funding Sources	DWT-2021-46-COVID19-46	6	
AWWA	Small System Cybersecurity Training	DWT-2021-47-COVID19-47	6	

Horsley Witten Group, Inc. / EPA Region 1	ICS/NRF	DWT-2021-48-COVID19-48	6	
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Technology Advancements In The Utilities Industry	DWT-2021-49-COVID19-49	1	
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Safety and Excavations:	DWT-2021-50-COVID19-50	2	
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Beyond Meters and After the Bill	DWT-2021-51-COVID19-51	1	
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	WaterWorks Couplings and Restraint Systems	DWT-2021-52-COVID19-52	1	
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Handling our StormWater	DWT-2021-53-COVID19-53	1	
AWWA	Cost-Effective Pipe Retrofits for Smaller Systems	DWT-2021-54-COVID19-54	1	
AWWA	Managing Smaller Systems Like a PRO!	DWT-2021-55-COVID19-55	1	
AWWA	Prolonging the Useful Life of Distribution Valves	DWT-2021-56-COVID19-56	1	
AWWA	Affordable Water Treatment for Smaller Systems	DWT-2021-57-COVID19-57	1	
AWWA	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	DWT-2021-58-COVID19-58	1	
EPA/ DEP	AWIA-Emergency Response	DWT-2021-59-COVID19-59	1.5	

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

Name of PWS	TEC #	Status	Provisional Certificate 236 CMR-4.05(4)	Provisional Certificate Status
Grafton Water District	TEC-538-COVID19	8/19/21	NA	NA
Grafton Water District	TEC-539-COVID19	8/19/21	NA	NA
Peabody Water Department	TEC-540-COVID19	10/6/21	NA	NA
Peabody Water Department	TEC-541-COVID19	Cancelled	NA	NA
Peabody Water Department	TEC-542-COVID19	11/27/21	NA	NA

DISCUSSION

Peabody Water Dept. TEC-541-COVID19 was cancelled and replaced with TEC-542-COVID19.

REGULATION REVIEW:

After brief discussion a MOTION to approve DRAFT Regulations as amended and forward to DPL- General Counsel for review and processing was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:

MOTION: With the cancellation of the COVID 19 State of Emergency a Motion to allow Board to use the Attorney General's regulations (940 CMR) permitting remote participation by a minority of the Board members was made by Member Maynard and seconded by Member Coppes. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa..

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
McEntee	Gregory	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Tomasz	Daniel	D4-Full	Approved
Ball Sr.	David	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Neves	Christopher	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
DeSantis	Joshua	T1-Full	Approved
McDonald	Ryan	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Serafini	Jayson	D2-Full	Approved
McCarthy	Matthew	D3-Full	Approved for D2
Schwinger	Scott	D2-Full	Approved
Olson	Stephen	D3-Full	Approved
Olson	Stephen	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Daniel	Brandon	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Heitz	Eric	T3-Full	Approved
Mullen	Carl	D4-Full	Approved
Robinson	Jody	D1-Full	Approved
Putis	Jacob	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Putis	Jacob	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Moran	John	T2-Full	Approved
MacDonald	Ryan	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
MacDonald	Ryan	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
MacDonald	Ryan	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
MacDonald	Ryan	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
McLeish	James	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Murray	James	D4-Full	Approved for OIT

*Olivolo	Christopher	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Klein Jr	John	D1-Full	Approved
Desmarais	Amber	T3-Full	Approved
Walsh	Vyctoria	D1-Full	Approved
O'Neil	Philip	D2-Full	Approved
Whitney	Jared	VSS-Full	Approved
Simmons	Brett	D1-Full	Approved
Deflorio	Peter	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Moran	John	T3-Full	Approved
Joyce	Thomas	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Katsoulakos	Alex	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Ramsey	Alan	D2-Full	Approved
Ramsey	Alan	D3-Full	Approved

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

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting @ 11:15 a.m., made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael J. Maynard

Michael J. Maynard, Chair
Board of Drinking Water & Supply Facility Operators

Documents Used in the Meeting:

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Redlined Regulations 236 CMR 2.00-5.00