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# Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD October 6, 2023 Approved: January 5, 2024)

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Celona	Chairman	X	
Mr. William Salomaa	Vice Chairman	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	
Ryan Doherty	<b>Executive Director</b>		Х
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	
Colleen Maloney	Assoc. Commissioner	X	

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

# **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

- August 7, 2023, Open Session Board Meeting Minutes
- September 8, 2023, Open Session Board Meeting Minutes

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023, and September 8, 2023. Roll Call Board Vote: — Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Celona in favor, Member Salomaa abstains.

### **DOL UPDATE:**

- Update on TCH audits
- Executive Director Report

# **DISCUSSION:**

• Training Contact Hours (TCH) Policy

After discussion of comments submitted by Member Reid and Massachusetts Water Works Association, a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes to approve the draft TCH policy, subject to delegating to the Chair and Board Counsel to an amendment clarifying that all TCH granted is obtaining a subsequent license be credited to the Continuing Education Requirements for the license already held. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

#### **<u>RECIPROCITY</u>**:

Last Name	<b>First Name</b>	Applying for	Outcome	Decision at meeting
Hayes*	Bradley	T3-Full	Pending	*Denied

The Board discussed the application, and a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes to deny the T3-Full licensure but grant the applicant waiver from training to sit for T3-T4 exams. Roll Call Board Vote: Yes – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Saloma. No – Celona.

# TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Hydra-Stop	Distribution Maintenance and Repair Techniques to Avoid System Shutdowns	DWT-2023-71	1	Approved
BCWUA	Cybersecurity for Water Systems	DWT-2023-72	2	Approved
ResilientCE	Cybersecurity	DWT-2023-73	8	Approved
MassDEP/RCAP Solutions	Cybersecurity Basics for Drinking Water Sector	DWT-2023-74	1	Approved

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

#### TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC#	Status
Town of Rutland	#2023-60	Approved

# **INVESTIGATIVE CONFERENCE CLOSED UNDER G. L. C. 112, § 65C:**

At or around 11:00 a.m., a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to begin a closed Investigative Conference and return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

# The Board resumed Open Meeting at or around 11:16 a.m.

#### **ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:**

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#### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

\*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.

After discussion of applications resulting in the decisions indicated above, a MOTION was made by Member Salomaa 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.

The Board did not have any need to hold the Executive Session or Quasi-Judicial Session that were reserved on the Agenda.

#### 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 11:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Celona

Michael Celona, Chair Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

#### **Documents Used in Meeting**:

Agenda for October 6, 2023 Draft Public Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023 Draft Public Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2023 Revised TCH Policy Applications for licensure pending decisions

