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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD November 1, 2024

(Approved: December 6, 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		
Ryan Doherty	Executive Director	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	
Lynn Read	Board Counsel	X	

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 9:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- October 4, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

- Number of OIT applications processed and licensed since the October meeting:

License type	
TA	8
TB	2
TC	3
TD	1
DA	11
DB	1



DC	0
DD	1
VT	1
Total	28

- Other business: DOL will be moving in March of 2025 to One Federal Street, Boston. Logistics and outreach for the move are currently being addressed and planned.

DISCUSSION:

- Request to waive T3 exam – G. Wilson
After discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to allow Mr. Wilson to take the T3 examination directly without taking the T1 and T2 examinations or the Basic and Advanced Treatment courses. The Board considers the licensee’s situation to be exceptional: his T4-OIT license was issued on 11/4/2000, before the sequential exam rule and before the implementation of pre-requisite courses. His license being current and in good standing was also taken into account. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.
- Waiver to Sit for Exams – J. McDermott
After discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis to approve the waiver for Basic and Advanced Treatment courses and allow Mr. McDermott to directly sit for examination(s). Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.
- Updated TCH Policy
After discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to accept the policy as amended. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.
- Draft Reciprocity Policy
Tabled for a later meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No comments.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
New England Section of AWWA	IDEXX Facility Tour	DWT-2024-66	5.00	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	Innovative Solutions Webinar: Unlocking the Power of Generative AI and Digital Twins in the Water Industry	DWT-2024-67	1.00	Approved
MassDEP	Water Sector Cybersecurity Meeting	DWT-2024-68	5.00	Approved
Pure Technologies US Inc.	Pipeline Management Workshop	DWT-2024-69	2.50	Approved



NEWWA	NEWWA / NEWEA Information Technology & Asset Management Fair	DWT-2024-70	5.00	Approved
NEWWA	2024 Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium	DWT-2024-71	5.00	Approved
Dept of Labor Standards	DLS Inspections: Recent Incidents in the Public Sector	DWT-2024-72	0.50	Approved
Apex (Environmental Partners)	Municipal Training	DWT-2024-73	2.00	Approved
EPA	Preparing for Round 2 of AWIA	DWT-2024-74	1.50	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Billerica Water Dept.	#2024-63	Approved

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.

RECIPROCITY: None received.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Woods	Krysten	T1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Rivers	Scott	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Carrigg	Kearny	T1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Rivera	Eber	D2-Full	Approved
Millet	Manuel	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Marion	Christopher	D1-Full	Approved
Bratsos	Nicole	T3-Full	Approved
Michaud	Kaylyn	T1-Full	Approved
Germain	Timothy	T2-Full	Approved
Fahey	George	D2-Full	Approved
Stavropoulos	Theodore	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Beckley	John	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Rivers	Scott	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Fallavollita	Alexander	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Joyce	Michael	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Feeley	Benjamin	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Riley	James	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Riley	James	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Flury	Alex	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Flury	Alex	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Fonseca	Andressa	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
Bunnell	William	T1-Full upgrade	Approved



Beckley	John	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Landolphi	Mark	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Morales	Joel	D1-Full	Approved
Caira	Maria	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
DeFlumeri	David	D1-Full	Approved
Adkins	Karl	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Mount	Bryan	D3-Full	Approved
Murphy	Gerard	D4-Full upgrade	Denied
Murphy	Gerard	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Walsh	Timothy	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Gyau	Prince	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Duphily	Eric	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Marini	Douglas	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Tickel	Jack	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Zeneski	Kevin	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Webber	Joseph	T1-Full	Approved
Diaz	Mario	D3-Full	Approved
Brinch	Scott	D3-Full	Approved
Lamica	Jeremy	VSS-Full upgrade	Additional Information Requested

*Member Coppes recuses himself from any MWRA license applications.

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

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

****Member Reid recuses himself from any Weston & Sampson applications.

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

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

At 10:39 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Investigative Conference to discuss matters of settlement and disciplinary complaints prior to the issuance of an order to show cause, and to not return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.

Cases:

- 2020-000105-IT-ENF Dismissed

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 by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Salomaa in favor.



The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:09 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 November 1, 2024
Draft Open Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2024
Request to waive T3 exam – Wilson
Course Waiver Request – McDermott
Updated TCH Policy Draft
Applications for licensure pending decisions
Case file for Investigative Conference

