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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD December 6, 2024 (Approved: January 10, 2025)

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: 9:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- November 1, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Lukis to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

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

License type	
TA	7
TB	3
DA	11
DD	2
Total	23



- 2025 Board meeting dates

The 2025 meeting schedule was presented with the only change being moving the July meeting to 7/11/25.

Mr. Doherty also reminded everyone that the DOL offices are moving to 1 Federal Street in March of 2025.

DISCUSSION:

- Waiver to Sit for Exams – G. Calla

A MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Reid to approve the waiver for Distribution training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

- Massachusetts Certified Operator Program Annual Report for 2023

The Board briefly discussed the annual report that DEP produces on certified operators in Massachusetts.

- Presentation by Grace Ronca

Ms. Ronca presented a case study on “The Impact of Water Industry Challenges on Drinking Water Operator Licensing” which was published in the NEWWA Journal in June 2024. This was followed by a discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Pederson requested an update on the PSI testing center issues. Mr. Doherty provided information on the next steps.

Ms. Pederson also inquired after retrieving exam course-related data from PSI. Mr. Celona and Ms. Ronca supplied context on the challenges of obtaining this information at present.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
NEWWA	December Membership Meeting	DWT-2024-75	2.00	Approved
EPA	We WARN Together: Integrating WARN in RRAs & ERPs	DWT-2024-76	1.00	Approved
RCAP Solutions	Safe Drinking Water Act and National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for PWS	DWT-2024-77	3.00	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Milton Water Dept.	#2024-64	Approved
Westborough Water Dept.	#2024-65	Approved

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.



RECIPROCITY: None received.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Carrigg	Kearny	T1-Full	Approved
Zeneski	Kevin	T3-Full upgrade (re review)	Denied
Andrews	Jacob	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Scala	Stephen	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Cournoyer	William	T2-Full	Approved
Choung	Alan	D1-Full	Approved
Barthelmes	Michael	D2-Full	Approved
Quaglietta	Steven	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Gniadek	Nicholas	T2-Full	Approved
Smith	Stephen	T3-Full	Approved
Smidy	Jeremy	D1-Full	Approved
Gogan	Patrick	D1-Full	Approved
DeVries	Andrew	D3-Full	Approved
Gay	Daniel	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
Gay	Daniel	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Glynn	Jeremy	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Murphy	Elaini	D3-Full	Approved
Cleary	James	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Recupero	Giovanni	D2-Full	Additional Information Requested
Fosterweber	Bailey	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Drozdowski	Konrad	D4-Full	Approved
Marcos	Kyle	T2-Full	Approved
Fisher	Kevin	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Dias	Todd	D1-Full	Approved
Puppo	Stephen	D1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Fenneuff	Jed	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Brousseau	Jason	D4-Full upgrade	Approved

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

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

At 10:25 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Lukis to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Investigative Conference to discuss matters of



settlement and disciplinary complaints to show cause and to not return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

Settlements

- 2024-000336-IT-ENF Guidance given to Prosecutor

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 Reid to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 10:30 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 December 6, 2024

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2024

2025 Drinking Water board Meeting Schedule

Course Waiver Request – Calla

MassDEP Certified Operator Program Annual Report for 2023

Applications for licensure pending decisions

Case file for Investigative Conference