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**Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply
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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD February 2, 2024

(Approved: March 1, 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	Executive Director	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	
Colleen Maloney	Assoc. Commissioner		X
Sharlia Bennet	Office Admin		X

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- January 5, 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 January 5, 2023. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATE: None to report.

DISCUSSION:

- Sequential but expired exam score validity
The Board discussed the unique situation of two applicants previously passing exams sequentially in order to obtain a higher level OIT license and then using the expired



exams to apply for lower level Full licenses at a later date. This was brought before the Board by staff as valid exam scores are a pre-requisite to the application process. It was decided that the applications will be reviewed at the next meeting and the Board Chair will work with Board counsel to draft policy to tackle unique situations like these which will be presented at a later meeting.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Ti-SALES Inc.	Maximizing the Chemical Feed System	DWT-2024-01	3.00	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Essex Water Dept.	2024-01	Approved
Lancaster Water Dept.	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
Billerica Water Dept.	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>

The Board discussed the TEC request submitted by Mr. Todd Melanson of the Billerica Water Department. Mr. Melanson appeared at the meeting for this discussion and to answer questions the Board members had regarding the situation surrounding the need for a TEC.

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to approve the Temporary Emergency Certification request for Mr. Shawn Thorne and the Billerica Water Department in a T3-OIT capacity. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Jen Pederson inquired whether the Board will be issuing wall certificates for licenses. Mr. Ryan Doherty let her know that this request can now be fulfilled by Board staff. She also asked about the PSI website issues that applicants were encountering, and Mr. Doherty said he will follow up with PSI for an update on the situation.

Mr. Donald Bunker brought up the issues of the Nashua PSI testing site utilizing an older version of the formula sheet and another testing site not having exam proctors for all time slots. He said he will send an email to the Board elaborating on all these issues so it may be brought to the appropriate parties and remedied.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:

- Michael Silva – Second appeal of Board denial of T2 license
The Board reviewed the additional experience information provided by the applicant and concluded their original decision to approve the application for an OIT license was correct and therefore, the appeal was denied.
- Terrance Sullivan – Appeal of Board denial of D4 license
Upon review of the appeal, the Board decided there was insufficient information of the applicant's experience in a D4 system. Additional information will be requested from the applicant.



RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Caramante	Jeffrey	T4-Full (Reciprocity)	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Waterman	Sandra	T3-Full (Reciprocity)	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Vivilecchia	Demian	VSS-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Jodoin	Raymond	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Hafford	Carl	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Fortin	Brian	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Patten	Kevin	T4-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Agajanian	Danielle	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Agajanian	Danielle	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
LaRochelle	Jeffrey	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Murphy	Brian	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Shepherd	Andressa	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Shepherd	Andressa	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Zeneski	Kevin	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Giorgio	Christian	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Dunn	Ashley	D4-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Elshani	Ardi	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Lamica	Jeremy	VSS-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Squires	Jeffrey	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Morin	Sean	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Couturier	Alexander	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Pires	Paul	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Maguire	Ryan	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Lopriore	Francesco	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Calderan	Donald	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Johngren	Dana	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Radigan	Jonathan	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
LaRoche	Joseph	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Tarves	Stephanie	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Patten	Benjamin	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Garcia	Luis	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Morais	Jeffrey	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Perkins	Adam	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Amaya	Brian	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Ortiz	Hector	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved



Houle	Eric	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Gorman	Scott	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Nunnery	Stephen	T4-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Wheelock	Ryan	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Eulie	Jamie	D3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Velazquez	Jaime	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Andrews	Gary	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Funairole	Brian	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Funairole	Brian	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Pizzimenti	Anthony	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Banegas Flores	Harling	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Musto	Andrew	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Aveiro	Kenneth	D4-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	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.

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

The Board did not have any need to hold the Executive Session, Investigative 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 Salomaa. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 12:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Celona

Michael Celona, Chair

Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

Documents Used in Meeting:

Agenda for February 2, 2024

Draft Public Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2024

For discussion – exam score validity documents

TEC request – Billerica – Thorne – T3

Applications for licensure pending decisions

