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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD February 7, 2025 (Approved: March 7, 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: at 9:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- January 10, 2025, Open Session Board meeting minutes

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

- Number of OIT applications processed and licensed since the January 2025 meeting:

License type	
TA	6
TB	12
TC	5
TD	4
DA	5
DB	2
DC	2



DD	1
Total	37

- 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.
- There are no updates on the Regulations at this time.

DISCUSSION:

- B Howard – D1 OIT application
After discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Reid to approve the application as submitted within 6 months of the date of the exam.
Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Draft Reciprocity Policy
A MOTION was made by Member Reid and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the draft Reciprocity policy. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Report on Water Professionals International Annual Conference
Ms. Grace Ronca provided an account of the discussions and updates regarding Drinking Water examination processes given at the conference.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
2025 Virtual Operator Conference	2025 Virtual Operator Conference	DWT-2025-01	12.00	Approved
EPA	Updating you AWIA RRA and ERP	DWT-2025-02	2.00	Approved
All American Rescue & Safety Solutions, LLC	Trench and Excavation Training	DWT-2025-03	4.00	Approved
All American Rescue & Safety Solutions, LLC	Permit-Required Confined Spaces	DWT-2025-04	6.00	Approved
All American Rescue & Safety Solutions, LLC	Confined Space Awareness	DWT-2025-05	2.00	Approved
All American Rescue & Safety Solutions, LLC	Lock Out/Tag Out	DWT-2025-06	2.00	Approved
All American Rescue & Safety Solutions, LLC	Respiratory Protection Awareness	DWT-2025-07	1.50	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	Sustainable Pipe Design: Life Cycle Cost Analysis and Pipeline Material Selection	DWT-2025-08	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	Laboratory Operations Symposium	DWT-2025-09	6.00	Approved



NEWWA	Specialty Symposia - Upcoming EPA Rules/Regulations	DWT-2025-10	6.00	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	Protecting Public Health - EPA Region 1: Drinking Water Program Update for New England	DWT-2025-11	1.00	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	The Voice of Water Webinar - Regulatory & Legislative Update from DC	DWT-2025-12	1.00	Approved
Teamergent	Water Utility Emergency Response Training	DWT-2025-13	8.00	Approved
Manchester-By-The-Sea Water Division/Woodard & Curran, Inc.	MHD Emergency Response Operations Training	DWT-2025-14	4.00	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

STATUS: None received.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.

RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Young	William	D2-Full	Conditional approval
Young	William	T2-Full	Conditional approval
Brown	Vincent	T1-Full	Approved

A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the Reciprocity applications for Mr. Young for licensure once he has submitted the certificates upon completion of the Distribution training and the Basic Treatment training courses. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the Reciprocity application submitted by Mr. Brown for licensure. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Kilroy	Kyle	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Kilroy	Kyle	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Casey	Ryan	D1-Full	Approved
Dankert	Greg	D3-Full upgrade	Additional Information Requested
Fish	Robert	D1-Full	Approved
Ursino	Dylan	T1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Ursino	Dylan	D1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Hanechak	Christopher	T3-Full upgrade	Additional Information Requested



Darling	Jill	VSS-Full	Approved for OIT
Ellis	Michael	T2-Full	Approved
Gould	Logan	VSS-Full	Approved
Perez	Isabel	T3-Full	Approved
Leduc	Curtis	T2-Full	Approved
Thebeau	Marc	T3-Full	Approved
Benevento	Jarrold	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Wall	Andrew	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Bondar	Andrew	T3-Full upgrade	Additional Information Requested
Richardson	Jonathan	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Singh	Sandeep	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Fuller	David	T4-Full	Approved
Keith	Jordan	D2-Full	Approved
Farinato	Steven	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Costa	Thomas	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Maguire	Ryan	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Haines	Gary	T3-Full	Approved for OIT
Navarro	Steven	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
Navarro	Steven	T2-Full upgrade	Denied
Joyce	Thomas	D3-Full	Approved
Taylor	Deborah	D2-Full	Approved
Taylor	Deborah	T1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Zimmerman	Brian	T4-Full upgrade	Denied
Clapp	Roger	D2-Full	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 Salomaa and seconded by Member Coppes to approve licenses and decisions indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

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

- At 10:00 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Alfasso 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, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
 - **Settlements:**
 - 2024-000847-IT-ENF Guidance given to Prosecutor

QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION CLOSED UNDER G.L. C. 30A, § 18(D)



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 Coppes to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 10:23 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Celona

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

Documents Used in Open Meeting:

Agenda for February 7, 2025
Draft Open Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025
B Howard – D1 OIT application
Draft Reciprocity Policy
Applications for licensure pending decisions

