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**Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply
Facilities**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD March 1, 2024

(Approved: April 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		
Ryan Doherty	Executive Director	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	
Colleen Maloney	Assoc. Commissioner	X	
Lynn Read	Board Counsel	X	

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- February 2, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATE:

Mr. Doherty updated the Board that the TCH audit being carried out by the Office of Investigations has begun.



DISCUSSION:

- David Salvador – Request for waiver from sequential exams

Mr. Salvador appeared before the Board and requested he be exempt from taking the Distribution 1, 2, and 3 exams given that he has taken and passed the Distribution 4 exam as well as taking the Distribution training course.

A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso to deny the waiver for Distribution 1-3 exams for Mr. Salvador. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Draft Contract Operator Licensing Policy

The Board Chair merged the Discussion and Public Participation segments of the Agenda. Ms. Pederson of MWWA gave a presentation on the shared comments by various contract operator firms and the concerns they hold regarding the draft policy. The Board provided feedback and engaged with the public in a discussion. No formal action was taken.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Apex Rescue Group	Confined Space Entry	DWT-2024-02	8.00	Approved
Baystate Roads (BSR)/UMass Transportation Center (UMTC)	Confined Space Hazard Awareness Training	DWT-2024-03	6.00	Approved
Baystate Roads (BSR)/UMass Transportation Center (UMTC)	OSHA 10-Hour Construction Outreach Training (instructor: C. Darius)	DWT-2024-04	10.00	Approved
Baystate Roads (BSR)/UMass Transportation Center (UMTC)	OSHA 10-Hour Construction Outreach Training (instructor: K. Scarborough)	DWT-2024-05	10.00	Approved
Baystate Roads (BSR)/UMass Transportation Center (UMTC)	Work Zone Safety	DWT-2024-06	2.50	Approved
MassDEP	Lead and Copper Rule Requirements Training	DWT-2024-07	1.50	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 1 - Distribution I	DWT-2024-08	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 2 - Water Treatment I	DWT-2024-09	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 3 - Management and Finance	DWT-2024-10	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 4 - Cross Connections	DWT-2024-11	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 5 - Customer Service	DWT-2024-12	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 6 - Distribution II	DWT-2024-13	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 7 - Water Treatment II	DWT-2024-14	2.00	Approved



NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 8 - Young Professionals	DWT-2024-15	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 9 - Work Force	DWT-2024-16	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 10 - Dams	DWT-2024-17	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 11 - Distribution/Storage	DWT-2024-18	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 12 - Water Treatment III	DWT-2024-19	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 13 - SCADA & Operational Technology	DWT-2024-20	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 14 - Water Resources	DWT-2024-21	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 15 - Regulatory	DWT-2024-22	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 16 - Distribution III	DWT-2024-23	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 17 - Water Treatment IV	DWT-2024-24	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 18 - Safety/Emergency Preparedness	DWT-2024-25	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 19 - Groundwater	DWT-2024-26	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference Session 20 - Asset Management	DWT-2024-27	2.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA Spring Conference - Diversity & Allyship Breakfast	DWT-2024-28	1.00	Approved

Mr. Celona reported that the applications above were approved.

**TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE
STATUS:**

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Billerica Water Dept.	#2024-02	Approved
Lancaster Water Dept.	#2024-03	Approved
Lancaster Water Dept.	#2024-04	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – Dover	#2024-05	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – North Plymouth	#2024-06	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – Pinehills	#2024-07	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – Springdale Farms	#2024-08	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – Millbury	#2024-09	Approved
Aquarion Water Co. – Oxford	#2024-10	Approved
Billerica Water Dept.	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.



RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Waterman	Sandra	T3-Full (Reciprocity)	<i>Pending</i>	Approved

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Couris*	Nicholas	T4-Full (appeal)	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Burgess	Edward	D3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Downie	Colin	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Cardoza	Michael	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Paquette	Nicholas	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Yonker	Paul	D3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Couturier	Alexander	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Riedle	Jesse	D4-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Murphy	Sean	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
LaRoche	Joseph	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Garcia	Luis	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Rosenfield	Andrew	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Amaya	Brian	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Clark	Andrew	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Clark	Andrew	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Martin	Brian	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Perdomo	Luis	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Wild	Paul	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Boomgaarden	Brian	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Boomgaarden	Brian	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Patruno	James	D3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Hicks	Steve	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Cheetham	Scott	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Suzor	Jason	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Leduc	Robert	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Nguyen	Thai	D4-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Cannata	Brandon	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Cannata	Brandon	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Devine	Ian	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Devine	Ian	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
DeRienzo	Michael	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved



Arruda	Michael	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Rodriguez	Jovany	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Dufour	Adam	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Gulizia	Anthony	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Hurley	Nicholas	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Smith	Barry	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Haak	David	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Dusevitch	Karen	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Azevedo	Ralph	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Fuer	Ryan	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Fuer	Ryan	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Gahinet	Paul	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
O'Day	John	T2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
LeBlanc	Christian	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Kulig	Michael	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Request additional information
Kulig	Michael	VSS-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Lavolette	Jason	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Combs	CJ	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Watson	Alex	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Czazasty	Evan	T1-Full	<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 Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve licenses and decisions 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 or Quasi-Judicial Session that were reserved on the Agenda.

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

At 11:44 a.m., A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Lukis to begin a closed Investigative Conference to discuss the cases listed below and to not return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

During the closed Investigative Conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

Cases:

- 2023-000710-IT-ENF Refer to Prosecutions
- 2022-001053-IT-ENF Invite Respondent to Investigative Conference



Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 12:38 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 March 1, 2024
Draft Public Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2024
D Salvador –Waiver from D1-D3 Exams Request
Draft Contract Operator Licensing Policy
Applications for licensure pending decisions
Case files for Investigative Conference

