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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board convened a special meeting on:

Microsoft Teams Meeting March 13, 2026

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:
12:30 P.M. the Chair called the open meeting to order.

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call.

Roll Call, by Chair:

Board members present: Michael Celona, Erin Graham, Blake Lukis, Dave Coppes, Ruth Alfasso, Andrew Reid

Board members absent: None.

DOL Staff present: Ryan Doherty, Aashna Alim, Nirit Eriksson

OPEN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 12:30 PM

I. Read and approve minutes:

- **January 9, 2025 Open Meeting Minutes:** MOTION was made by Member Alfasso to approve. Seconded by Member Coppes. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
 1. Chair called for a roll call vote
 2. Members in favor: Lukis, Graham, Coppes, Alfasso, Celona
 3. Members opposed: None.
 4. Member Reid abstained.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Number of OIT applications processed and licensed since the February 2026 meeting:

License type

TA	16
TB	6
TC	1
TD	1
DA	13
DB	7
DC	2
DD	2
VT	2
Total	50

III. DISCUSSION

- Exam course waiver request – C. Little: MOTION was made by Member Coppes to deny the waiver request for Basic and Advanced Treatment courses as the experience requirement was not met. Seconded by Member Alfasso. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
 1. Chair called for a roll call vote
 2. Members in favor: Lukis, Reid, Alfasso, Coppes, Graham, Celona.
 3. Members opposed: None.
- Exam course waiver request – C. Wood: MOTION was made by Member Coppes to deny the waiver request for Advanced Treatment course as the education requirement was not met. Seconded by Member Alfasso. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
 1. Chair called for a roll call vote
 2. Members in favor: Lukis, Reid, Alfasso, Coppes, Graham, Celona.
 3. Members opposed: None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: See below.

V. TOPICS NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING: None.

VI. TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Drinking Water Community of Practice Roundtable #7 – Adapting and Adjusting to Challenges and Changes	DWT-2026-03	2.00	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	February Education Webinar: Getting Started with Cyber and More	DWT-2026-04	1.00	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Insider Threat Mitigation Webinar for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems	DWT-2026-05	1.00	Approved
Core & Main	Building Smarter Utilities - AMI and Advanced Monitoring Solutions	DWT-2026-06	1.00	Approved

MassDEP Drinking Water Program	Two Recent Incidents and An Introduction to OT Monitoring Software	DWT-2026-07	1.00	Approved
Clow Valve Company	Building Smarter Utilities Through AMI & Advanced Monitoring Solutions	DWT-2026-08	1.00	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Cybersecurity 102 Training for Water Systems	DWT-2026-09	1.50	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Cybersecurity 103 Training for Water Systems	DWT-2026-10	1.50	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Cybersecurity Refresher Training for Water Systems	DWT-2026-11	1.00	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Water Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (WCAT) Training	DWT-2026-12	1.50	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Cybersecurity Procurement Checklist Tool Training	DWT-2026-13	1.50	Approved
AWWA	ACE26	DWT-2026-14	23.00	Approved
RCAP	Lead Service Line Replacement Funding and Regulatory Requirements	DWT-2026-15	1.00	Approved
RCAP	Mass DEP Drinking Water Program and UMass Amherst: PFAS Treatment Technologies: Options, Trade-offs, and Decision Factors, Technical Support, and Grant Programs Training	DWT-2026-16	1.00	Approved
RCAP	MassDEP Water-Smart Pilot Program for PWS: Preparing for the LCRI Lead in Schools/Childcare Facilities Sampling Requirements	DWT-2026-17	1.00	Approved
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Drinking Water Community of Practice Roundtable #8 - Water for the future	DWT-2026-18	2.00	Approved

VII. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CCERTIFICATE STATUS

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Methuen Water Dept.	2026-10	Approved
Brookfield Water Dept.	2026-11	Approved

VIII. RECIPROCITY: None.

IX. APPLICATION REVIEW

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Vidalis	Demetrios	T1-Full	Approved
Rodriguez	Esteban	T2-Full upgrade	Request additional information

Postras	James	T1-Full	Approved
Bercume-Brisbois	William	D2-Full	Approved
Miller	Chase	D3-Full	Approved
Watson	Prescott	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Chen	Bai Xin	D1-Full	Request additional information
Ring	Arthur	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
McCartney	James	D1-Full	Request additional information
Zagler	Alexander	D1-Full	Approved
Bohonowicz	Keith	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Bohonowicz	Keith	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Carreiro	Andrew	T4-Full upgrade	Denied – approved for T3 Full
Treacy-Schlough	Caleb	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
McKee	Collin	T1-Full	Approved
Shook	Ryan	T3-Full	Approved
McKee	Collin	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Randall	Casey	D3-Full	Approved
Zelez	Matthew	T3-Full	Approved
Carvalho	Andrew	D3-Full	Approved
Barrepski	Silas	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Barrepski	Silas	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
Perry	Christopher	D3-Full upgrade	Denied but T2 can be approved
Little	Nathan	D4-Full	Approved
Randall	Casey	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Sylvia	Caleb	VSS-Full	Approved for OIT
Malenfant	Cody	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Malone	Matthew	T2-Full upgrade	Approved in April
Spender	Travis	D3-Full	Approved
Fitzpatrick	Steven	D4-Full	Approved for OIT
Jenkins	Brandon	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Sutton	Sean	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Beauchesne	Brian	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Fishlin	Seth	D3-Full	Approved
Hurley	Brian	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Flanary	Julia	T1-Full	Request additional information
Tarr	Alicia	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Smith	Sean	D2-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.

MOTION was made by Member Lukis to approve all the decisions reflected above, second by Member Alfasso. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:

1. Chair called for a roll call vote
2. Members in favor: Lukis, Alfasso, Reid, Coppes, Graham, Celona.
3. Members opposed: None.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Reopened by Board Chair at the request of Member Reid.

Mr. Reid suggested based on feedback that a request be made to WPI to show the number of questions per segment that the examinee got right or wrong on the new exam score reports. Board Chair said that DOL can make that request.

Mr. Reid inquired about the sharing of Board packet materials with members of the public. Board Counsel clarified that Board members may not distribute board packet materials to members of the public, because some materials are confidential and other materials may require redaction prior to dissemination. Accordingly, non-board members who wish to obtain materials can request them through a public records request, which will allow the requested material to be properly reviewed and redacted prior to issuance.

Mr. Coppes raised the question of how the Board can receive valuable input on draft policies and such from the public before voting on them and whether such documents could be posted publicly prior to the meeting. Board Counsel explained that for operational reasons DOL does not post Board meeting packet materials, but this Board can utilize a two-meeting review process to accommodate the interest in public feedback on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Lukis inquired about the placement of Public Comment as an agenda item for purposes of a two-meeting review process.

Mr. Reid raised the matter of how management experience was evaluated for Drinking Water license applications, especially for higher levels licenses.

Mr. Wood inquired about his waiver request.

Ms. Pederson inquired about a policy that the Board voted on that has not gone into effect yet. Board Counsel explained the DOL internal review process for Board policies.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CLOSED PER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER RATHER THAN COMPETENCE

- Reserved if needed, not needed

XII. QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION: CLOSED PER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18

- Reserved if needed, not needed

XIII. INVESTIGATIVE CONFERENCE: CLOSED PER M.G. L. c. 112, § 65C

- Reserved if needed, not needed

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Member Coppes to adjourn, second by Member Reid. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:

1. Chair called for a roll call vote

2. Members in favor: Alfasso, Reid, Lukis, Coppes, Graham, Celona.
3. Members opposed: None.

The Meeting was adjourned at or around 1:13 PM.

Documents used in the Open Public session:

- Agenda for March 13, 2026
- Draft Minutes of January 9, 2026 Open Meeting
- Course waiver request – C. Little
- Course waiver request – C. Wood
- Applications for review pending decisions