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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 April 17, 2026

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:
12:31 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, Dave Coppes, Ruth Alfasso, Andrew Reid

Board members absent: Blake Lukis

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

OPEN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 12:31 PM

I. Read and approve minutes:

- **January 9, 2025 Executive Session Minutes &**
- **February 13, 2026 Open Meeting Minutes:** MOTION was made by Member Coppes to approve both the January Executive Minutes and the February Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Member Alfasso. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
 1. Chair called for a roll call vote
 2. Members in favor: Reid, Coppes, Alfasso, Graham, Celona
 3. Members opposed: None.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

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

License type



TA	12
TB	6
TC	3
TD	3
DA	9
DB	3
DC	5
DD	2
VT	1
Total	44

- DOL has updated their public meeting agenda creation guidelines, and ‘Public Comment’ is not an agenda topic. The Chair may call and recognize the public at any point during the meetings.
- DOL is transitioning to a new licensing software system called ‘eLIPSE.’ Drinking Water Board is going live on May 18, 2026. Updates regarding the change will be on the Board website.

III. BOARD COUNSEL REPORT: No items to report.

IV. DISCUSSION:

- **TCH Compliance waiver request - M Chernicki:** MOTION was made by Member Coppes to accept the TCHs acquired in 2026 towards renewal of Mr. Chernicki’s licenses, provided that he pay any applicable late fees and that these TCHs cannot be used again for the next renewal cycle. Seconded by Member Alfasso. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
 1. Chair called for a roll call vote
 2. Members in favor: Alfasso, Graham, Reid, Coppes, Celona
 3. Members opposed: None.

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

VI. TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
New England Section of AWWA	Advancements in Water Meters and Meter Reading Systems	DWT-2026-19	1.00	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Building Cyber Resilience Using EPA’s Water and Wastewater Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan Template	DWT-2026-20	1.50	Approved
EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC)	Addressing Cybersecurity in Risk and Resilience Assessments and Emergency Response Plans	DWT-2026-21	1.00	Approved

VII. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
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Pequot Highlands	2026-12	Approved
Georgetown Water Dept.	2026-13 & 2026-14	Approved

VIII. RECIPROCITY: None.

IX. APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
<i>Bruno-Galindez</i>	<i>Felix</i>	<i>D1-Full</i>	<i>Approved for OIT</i>
<i>Macaruso</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>T3-Full upgrade</i>	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Flanary</i>	<i>Julia</i>	<i>T1-Full</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Michaluk	David	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Mejia	Samuel	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Dias	Todd	D2-Full	Approved
Wood	Charles	T3-Full	Approved
Ohrn	Seth	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Roberts	John	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Roberts	John	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Levine	Zack	T2-Full	Request additional information
Chabot	Chris	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Courtney	Nolan	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Miller	Stephen	T3-Full	Approved
Mirabella	Garrett	D2-Full	Approve in May
Baptista	Matt	D2-Full	Approved
Reid	Steven	D4-Full	Approved
Brown	Patrick	T1-Full	Approved
Brown	Patrick	D1-Full	Approved
Ambrozavitch	Matthew	D3-Full	Approved
Azevedo	Ralph	T2-Full upgrade	Denied
Martell	Will	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Ritchie	Seth	D4-Full	Request additional information
Dillon	Sean	D3-Full	Approved
Haak	David	T1-Full upgrade	Request additional information
DiPietro	Anthony	T2-Full	Approved
Lyttle	Cameron	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Lyttle	Cameron	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Sylvia	Kevin	D1-Full	Approved
Bracewell	Dylan	T3-Full upgrade	Request additional information
Bloomquist	Arthur	VSS-Full	Approved
Brinch	Scott	T2-Full	Approved
Brinch	Scott	D4-Full	Approve in May
Allsopp	Donald	D1-Full upgrade	Denied

Maguire	James	D2-Full upgrade	Request additional information
Poles	Christopher	T2-Full	Approved for OIT
OBrien	Jason	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Cardoza	Michael	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Barthelmes	Michael	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Smith	Jackson	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Anderson	Jacob	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Arruda	Michael	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Clancy	Thomas	D1-Full	Approved
Fagerberg	Michael	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Gardiner	Nathan	D4-Full upgrade	Denied – conditional approval of D3 Full (must renew expired D3 OIT and pay any applicable late fees)
Brown	David	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Guerin	Eric	D1-Full	Approved
Guerin	Eric	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Byrnes	Bryan	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Lapi	Flabjon	D4-Full	Approved for OIT
Horigan	Paul	D2-Full	Approved
Coughlin	James	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Rodriguez	Jovany	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Garvin	Christopher	D3-Full	Approved
West	Robert	T1-Full	Approved
Rowley	Daniel	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Keith	Matthew	D1-Full	Approved
Medeiros	Jonathan	D3-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 Reid 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: Graham, Alfasso, Reid, Coppes, Celona.
3. Members opposed: None.

MOTION was made by Member Coppes to exit Open Meeting and to enter Investigative Conference to review matters prior to issuance of order to show cause and to not return to Open Meeting, seconded by member Reid. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:

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

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CLOSED PER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER, PHYSICAL CONDITION OR MENTAL HEALTH, RATHER THAN COMPETENCE

- Reserved if needed, not needed.

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

- Reserved if needed, not needed.

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

- The Board took the following actions during Investigative Conference:
 - 2025-000883-IT-ENF – Dismiss (recusal by Lukis and Reid)

XIII. Adjournment

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

4. Chair called for a roll call vote
5. Members in favor: Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Graham.
6. Members opposed: None.

The Meeting was adjourned at or around 1:42 PM.

Documents used in the Open Public session:

- Agenda for April 17, 2026
- Draft Minutes of January 9, 2026 Executive Session
- Draft Minutes of February 13, 2026 Open Meeting
- TCH Compliance waiver request - M Chernicki
- Applications for review pending decisions