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

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD April 4, 2025 (Approved: May 2, 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:**

- March 7, 2025, Open Session Board meeting minutes  
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of March 7, 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 March 2025 meeting:

License type	
TA	9
TB	8
TC	4
TD	4
DA	12
DB	2
DC	4



Total	43
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- As of March 24, 2025, DOL has moved to One Federal Street, Boston.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- WPI new exam presentation by Tom Healy  
Mr. Healy, Vice President of WPI, presented on the changes made to the examinations that WPI has started offering that are intended to be new standardized tests for the industry. He offered insight into the development process of the examinations and followed it up with a Q&A. Mr. Healy will provide the Board members with access to review the new test materials.
- Exam course waiver – T. Reynolds  
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to deny the waiver for Basic and Advanced Treatment training courses. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Exam course waivers – D. Laprade  
Member Lukis was recused and did not participate in this discussion or vote. A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to approve the waivers for Distribution and Treatment training courses. Roll Call Board Vote: – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Exam course waiver – N. Bratsos  
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to deny the waiver for Distribution training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Request for Blanket Training Approval – RCAP Solutions  
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Reid to approve RCAP Solutions for blanket training. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:**

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
AWWA	ACE25	DWT-2025-37	23.00	Approved
MassDEP	Building Cyber Resilience: Essential Steps for Water Sector	DWT-2025-38	1.00	Approved
Hazen and Sawyer	LCRI Service Line Replacement Tools and Management	DWT-2025-39	1.00	Approved
Hazen and Sawyer	Future of the MDBP - Source to Tap DBP Solutions	DWT-2025-40	1.00	Approved
Hazen and Sawyer	Residuals Handling/Disposal with New Constituents of Concern	DWT-2025-41	1.00	Approved



New England Section of AWWA	Innovations for Sustainable Water Management	DWT-2025-42	1.00	Approved
New England Section of AWWA	Addressing Legionella in Water Distribution Systems and Customer Buildings: Learning from the Grand Rapids, MN Outbreak	DWT-2025-43	1.00	Approved
Watura	Various self-paced classes		1.00-1.50	Denied

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

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Pequot Highlands	2025-03	Approved

**ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:** None.

**RECIPROCITY:**

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Reynolds	Thomas	D4-Full	Approved for D3-Full
Reynolds	Thomas	T3-Full	Denied

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve Mr. Reynolds for either a D3 Full license or a D4 OIT license based on his preference and to deny the T3 Full license application. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

**APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Hanechak	Christopher	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Smith	Matthew	D3-Full	Approved
Sykes	Edgar	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Smith	Jared	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Hamm	Jason	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Falasca	John	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Falasca	John	D1-Full upgrade	Denied
Rosa	Antonio	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Ovaska	Michael	D4-Full	Approved
Smith	Zachary	VSS-Full	Approved
Harrop	John	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Harrop	John	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Harrop	John	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Smith	Sean	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Smith	Sean	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Malone	Matthew	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Hyland	John	T1-Full upgrade	Denied



Longo	Michael	D1-Full	Approved
Niemiec	Thomas	D1-Full	Approved
Fattorini	Anthony	T4-Full	Approved for OIT
Gardiner	Nathan	T4-Full	Approved
Bean	Jesse	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Smith	Jared	D1-Full	Approved
Combs	CJ	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Banzi	Edward	T1-Full	Approved
Kelley	Joshua	D1-Full	Approved
Smith	Stephen	T4-Full	Approved for OIT
Mudarrie	Nick	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Meredith	Gerald	D1-Full upgrade	Denied
Tarnauskas	Elise	T4-Full	Approved
Minott	Addison	D2-Full	Approved
Owens	Timothy	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Loftus	Andrew	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Tarnauskas	Elise	D4-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 Lukis 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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED UNDER G.L. C. 30A, § 21(A)(1), CHARACTER RATHER THAN COMPETENCE**

At 10:47 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Executive Conference to review character rather than competence and to not return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

See separate Minutes of Executive Session.

The Board did not have any need to hold the Investigative Conference or Quasi-Judicial Session that were reserved on the Agenda.

### **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:18 A.M.



Respectfully Submitted By:

*Michael Celona*

Michael Celona, Chair

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**Documents Used in Open Meeting:**

Agenda for April 4, 2025

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2025

Exam course waiver – Reynolds

Exam course waivers – Laprade

Exam course waiver – Bratsos

Blanket Approval request – RCAP Solutions

Applications for licensure pending decisions

Memo on Pre-Requisite Training Waiver Updates

