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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 2, 2025
(Approved: June 6, 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 9:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- April 4, 2025, Open Session Board meeting minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of April 4, 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 April 2025 meeting:

License type	
TA	12
TB	2
TC	3
TD	2
DA	10
DB	2



DC	3
DD	3
Total	37

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

DISCUSSION:

- Exam course waiver – J. McDermott
A MOTION was made by Member Reid and seconded by Member Salomaa to deny the waiver for Distribution training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Pre-requisite Course Waiver Change
Chair Celona gave a presentation on the waiver policy to include an option to allow operators to waive the pre-requisite training requirement if they have a high school diploma/GED and 10 years of full-time experience in a PWS with the same grade and classification as the license an operator is trying to apply for.
After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to amend the waiver policy as presented. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Pederson requested an update on the West Boylston testing site issues. Mr. Doherty provided information that PSI has closed the site for the time being.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Hazen and Sawyer	NHWWA Spring Technical Symposium	DWT-2025-44	5.00	Approved
MassDEP	Drinking Water Day 2025: Proactive Public Communications & Outreach for Water Utilities	DWT-2025-45	1.00	Approved
EPA Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division	EPA National Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Drill	DWT-2025-46	2.00	Approved
Dept of Labor Standards	DLS Inspections: Trenching and Excavation Safety	DWT-2025-47	0.50	Approved
EPA	Addressing Contamination Incidents in RRAs & ERPs	DWT-2025-48	1.00	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Hinsdale Water Dept.	2025-04	Approved



South Grafton Water District	2025-05	Approved
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RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Reynolds	Thomas	T2-Full	Approved

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Rauktis	Adam	T2-Full	Approved
Marot	Evan	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Stanton	Jeffrey	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Jackson	Wayne	D1-Full	Approved
Gilbert	Joel	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Turner	Kevin	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Turner	Kevin	T1-Full	Approved
Lamica	Jeremy	VSS-Full upgrade	Approved
Pray	Keith	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Griffin	Mackenzie	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Griffin	Mackenzie	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Sullivan	Andrew	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Barrows	Austin	D2-Full	Approved
Gamache	Michael	T3-Full upgrade	Approved for OIT
Gamache	Michael	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Chin	Maya	T4-Full	Approved
Bailey	Kate	T2-Full	Approved for OIT
Banzi	Edward	D3-Full	Approved
Wlodyka	Craig	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Isbell	Brad	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Isbell	Brad	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Calla	Glen	D3-Full	Request additional information
Layton	Shelby	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Bolduc	Joseph	T3-Full	Approved
Dimarzio	Chloe	VSS-Full upgrade	Approved
Dimarzio	Chloe	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Callahan	James	T2-Full upgrade	Request additional information
Sparkas	Alexander	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Leduc	Robert	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
McIntyre	Ryan	T3-Full	Approved
Maloney	Nicholas	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 Alfasso 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, Investigative Conference or Quasi-Judicial Session that were reserved on the Agenda.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 09:59 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 May 2, 2025
Draft Open Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2025
Exam course waiver – McDermott
Presentation on Pre-Requisite Training Waiver Updates
Applications for licensure pending decisions

