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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 10, 2023

(Approved: June 2, 2023)

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Celona	Chair	X	
Mr. William Salomaa	Vice Chair	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		
Lynn Read	Board Counsel	X	
Brian O'Connell	Executive Director	X	
Colleen Maloney	Deputy Commissioner	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 10:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Public Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2023

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2023, and Public Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2023. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

DOL UPDATE:

Discussed by Board Counsel Lynn Read / Brian O'Connell

- Status of Draft Regulations:
Definition of “full-time” by the Board has been accepted and the draft regulations have been forwarded to the Secretariat.



- Status of FAQ on Renewal:
License renewal FAQ has been published to the DW Board website.
- Update on PSI testing center issues:
DOL is taking a multi-Board approach to reach out to PSI regarding these issues and will do so in the upcoming weeks.

DISCUSSION:

- Michael Retzky – Appeal Board denial of D3-Full licensure:
Mr. Retzky appeared before the Board again and upon review of further information provided by the applicant, a MOTION was made by Member Celona and seconded by Member Alfasso to approve the application for D3 licensure. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.
- Dale Lynch – Appeal Board denial of D1 Full licensure:
Mr. Lynch appeared before the Board to discuss his application. The Board had previously determined he had experience in a VSS system but not in a D1 system. There were no grounds for appeal under the Board’s regulations and the license was properly denied.
- Anthony Gulizia – Appeal Board denial of D2 Full licensure:
Mr. Gulizia appeared before the Board to discuss his application. The Board determined he did not meet the experience requirements for D2 Full licensure. A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to deny the appeal for D2 Full licensure. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.
- Board also briefly discussed the potential applicability of wastewater operator distribution experience towards a drinking water distribution license.

RECIPROCITY: Chair Celona announced the following determinations:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Decision
Gagnon	Matthew	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Gagnon	Matthew	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Chair Celona asked for the Discussion of the Policy for Training Contact Hours (TCH) to take place now rather than later in the Agenda. He reported that the current TCH Policy should be updated, in part to better address online courses and identify organizations that could qualify for blanket approval, to reduce the effort in approving courses for TCH credit. Examples from other states were discussed. Chair Celona announced the following determinations:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
NEWWA	2023 Water Quality Symposium	<i>DWT-2023-34</i>	6.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Exam Prep - Grade 1	<i>DWT-2023-35</i>	33.75	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Exam Prep - Grade 2	<i>DWT-2023-36</i>	38.75	Approved

American Water College	Water Treatment Exam Prep - Grade 3	<i>DWT-2023-37</i>	42.5	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Exam Prep - Grade 4	<i>DWT-2023-38</i>	39.25	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Math	<i>DWT-2023-39</i>	36.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Review (4 hours)	<i>DWT-2023-40</i>	4.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Review (8 hours)	<i>DWT-2023-41</i>	8.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Review (12 hours)	<i>DWT-2023-42</i>	12.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Treatment Review (16 hours)	<i>DWT-2023-43</i>	16.00	Approved
American Water College	Electricity for Water Industry	<i>DWT-2023-44</i>	13.50	Approved
American Water College	Introduction to Water Treatment	<i>DWT-2023-45</i>	43.25	Approved
American Water College	Water Quality	<i>DWT-2023-46</i>	41.25	Approved
American Water College	Water Sources	<i>DWT-2023-47</i>	20.75	Approved
American Water College	Water Transmission & Distribution 1	<i>DWT-2023-48</i>	48.00	Approved
American Water College	Water Transmission & Distribution 2	<i>DWT-2023-49</i>	48.00	Approved
American Water College	Advanced Water Treatment	<i>DWT-2023-50</i>	42.75	Approved
American Water College	Applied Chemistry	<i>DWT-2023-51</i>	29.76	Approved
American Water College	Applied Hydraulics	<i>DWT-2023-52</i>	20.25	Approved
MassDEP	Lead and Copper Rule Sampling Plan and Change Forms Updates - Training for Public Water Suppliers	<i>DWT-2023-53</i>	0.50	Approved
MIIA	Hazard Communications	<i>DWT-2023-54</i>	3.00	Approved
MIIA	Confined Space Entry	<i>DWT-2023-55</i>	6.00	Approved
MA Department of Labor Standards	Monthly Webinars	<i>Pending</i>		
Hydra-Stop	Webinars	<i>Pending</i>		
EPA	Water Resilience Program (virtual/in-person)	<i>Pending</i>		
MA Water Works Association	Online Training Platform	<i>Pending</i>		
CA Rural Water	Online courses	<i>Pending</i>		
Water Otter	(15) Applications Incomplete: Pending	—	—	—

**TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE
STATUS (COVID-19):**

Name of PWS	TEC#	Status
Fall River Water Dept	#2023-49	Approved
Monroe Water District	#2023-50	Approved
Revere Water Division	#2023-51	Approved
Chicopee Water Department	<i>Pending</i>	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ms. Pedersen of Massachusetts Water Works Association discussed the importance of clarifying approval of online training. She also referenced the Board's denials of applications and barriers to licensing.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Decision at meeting
Ketchen	Dakota	VSS-Full	Approved	—
Smidy	Jason	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Retzky	Michael	D3-Full (appeal)	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Buckley	Drew	T2-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Gulizia	Anthony	D2-Full upgrade (appeal)	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Bondar	Andrew	T1-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Bondar	Andrew	D1-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Nee	Michael	T3-Full	Approved for OIT	—
O'Brien	Joseph	VSS-Full	Approved for OIT	—
Lynch	Dale	D1-Full upgrade (appeal)	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Demaray	Ashley	D4-Full	Approved for OIT	—
Prince	Matthew	D3-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Federico	Jason	D2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Invite to next meeting
Woitowicz	Allan	T2-Full	Approved	—
Dearth	Darren	D3-Full	Approved	—
Belisle	Thomas	T2-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved – Hold until June 2023
Afonso	Elizabeth	VSS-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Bousseau	Edwin	D2-Full	Approved for OIT	—
Gallagher	Connor	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Worcester	William	T3-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Austin	Alan	T4-Full upgrade	Denied	—
Gallant	Mark	T1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Curtis	Steven	T4-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Laviolette	Jason	D1-Full	Approved for OIT	—
Houle	Eric	D3-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Soares	Jason	T3-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Griffin	Louis	D2-Full	Approved	—
Nguyen	Thai	D3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved

Gordevich	Daniel	T3-Full upgrade	Approved	—
Neff	Reginald	T1-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 Reid recuses himself from any Chelmsford Water District license applications.

****Member Celona recuses himself from any Lynn Water & Sewer Commission applications.

A MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Coppes to approve licenses indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa, Celona in favor.

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

- Reserved if needed – None

QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION CLOSED UNDER G.L. C. 30A, § 18(D)

- Reserved if needed – None

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

- Reserved if needed – None

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:37 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Celona

Michael Celona, Chair

Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

Documents Used in Meeting:

Agenda for May 10, 2023

Draft Public Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2023

Approved DW License Renewal FAQ

DW Board Policy on TCHs

Applications for licensure pending decisions