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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD June 6, 2025
(Approved: July 11, 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	
Colleen Maloney	Assoc. Commissioner	X	

OPEN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 9:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- May 2, 2025 - Public Meeting Minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of May 2, 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 May 2025 meeting:

License type	
TA	4
TB	8
TC	7
TD	7
DA	7



DB	4
VT	1
Total	38

DISCUSSION:

- Review/Discuss/Vote for Proposed Regulation Changes
Commissioner Wilkinson provided an overview of the proposed regulatory changes and Board Counsel Read went over each in detail. This was followed by a discussion. A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve the proposed changes as presented. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Two Petitions to Terminate Probation
After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Reid to grant both petitions to terminate probation. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- New WPI Exams and Process for Review
Board Chair will request access to the new WPI exam materials for some of the Board members to review and provide technical context so the Board may come to a decision.
- Wastewater Experience Substitution
The Board briefly discussed considering some Wastewater experience towards Drinking Water licenses. This was tabled until more information regarding the matter is obtained.
- Draft License Renewal Guidance for Operators with Multiple Licenses
This was tabled for a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Pederson had some comments and insight regarding the Draft License Renewal Guidance for Operators with Multiple Licenses.

Mr. Doherty also provided some updates from WPI.

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

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
EPA Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division	Cybersecurity Refresher	DWT-2025-49	1.00	Approved
EPA Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division	Cybersecurity 102	DWT-2025-50	1.50	Approved
EPA Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division	Cybersecurity 103	DWT-2025-51	1.50	Approved



EPA Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division	Water Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (WCAT)	DWT-2025-52	2.50	Approved
MassDEP	Incident Case Study Webinar (4/30/25)	DWT-2025-53	1.00	Approved
MassDEP	Incident Case Study Webinar (5/14/25)	DWT-2025-54	1.00	Approved
MassDEP	Cybersecurity Overview and Tabletop Exercise	DWT-2025-55	3.00	Approved
Certified Safety	OSHA Lockout/Tagout (29 CFR 1910.147)	DWT-2025-56	2.00	Approved
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	2025 Southeastern Massachusetts Drinking Water Fair - Training Session 1 - DEP Regulatory Updates	DWT-2025-57	3.00	Approved
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	2025 Southeastern Massachusetts Drinking Water Fair - Training Session 2 - Cape Cod Water Use and Rate Analysis, and the Freshwater Initiative	DWT-2025-58	2.00	Approved
Dept of Labor Standards	DLS Safety Inspections: Protecting Workers from Heat Stress	DWT-2025-59	0.50	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

STATUS: None.

RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Gilligan	Dustin	D1-OIT	Approved

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Calla	Glen	D3-Full	Approved
OBrien	Jason	T2-Full upgrade	Denied
Mortarelli	Dylan	T1-Full	Request additional information
Lapi	Flabjon	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Gennaro	Dominic	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Vaudry	Rick	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Bousseau	Edwin	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Morin	Sean	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Couturier	Alexander	T4-Full	Approved
Morales	Jonathan	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Regan	David	D2-Full	Approved
Feeley	Benjamin	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Flood	Adam	T2-Full	Approved
Sampson	Alexander	D4-Full	Request additional information
Veloso	Robert	D1-Full	Approved
Tusler	John	D3-Full	Approved



Bercume-Brisbois	William	D1-Full	Request additional information
Silva	Michael	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Czazasty	Evan	T2-Full	Approved
Hanechak	Christopher	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Beckley	John	D4-Full	Approved
Beckley	John	D3-Full	Approved
Gallagher	Melony	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Willett	Mark	T2-Full upgrade	Denied
Pires	Paul	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Gould	Alan	T4-Full upgrade	Request additional information
Monte	Corey	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Durkin	Lawrence	D3-Full	Approved
Durkin	Lawrence	T3-Full	Approved
Spangler	Bethany	D2-Full-upgrade	Approved
Basulto Alvarez	Romer	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Bellas	Peter	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Keijser	Henricus	T3-Full	Approved
Comeau	David	T2-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 Coppes and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve licenses and decisions indicated in the charts above. 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 Reid 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 10:33 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 June 6, 2025



Draft Open Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2025
Proposed Regulation Changes 236 CMR 4.00
Petitions to terminate Probation and associated case documents
Documents from WPI regarding new exams
Memo on DW Operator Experience Substitutions – Wastewater
Draft Renewal Guidance for Operators with Multiple Licenses
Applications for licensure pending decisions

