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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD June 7, 2024

(Approved: July 19, 2024)

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 5, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes
- May 3, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes

After brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2024, and May 3, 2024 as amended. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

- CORI Policy:

Board Counsel provided an update that the CORI Policy is being finalized and will be posted soon to the Drinking Water Board website.



DISCUSSION:

- Waiver to Sit for Exam – Wahlstrom
- Waiver to Sit for Exam – Fournier

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to deny both waiver requests submitted by Ms. Wahlstrom and Mr. Fournier respectively due to insufficient experience. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

- Amended Regulations 236 CMR 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00

Board Counsel walked the members through the comments submitted by the EOED on the draft Regulations and had brief discussions about them. The Board instructed Ms. Read to draft preliminary responses to the comments for review by the Board at the next meeting.

- DRAFT Contract Operator Licensing Policy with comments

Board Chair led the discussion regarding the Contract Licensing Policy draft taking into account the comments provided by MWWA and how they were addressed. A new draft will be provided for the Board's review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Pederson brought up further concerns regarding the Contract Licensing Policy draft. Ms. Finch and Mr. Whitney provided valuable input to be considered for the policy.

Ms. Pederson also brought up continuing issues with PSI faced by applicants and test-takers. Mr. Doherty and Ms. Read addressed some of the concerns and provided updates on where discussions stand with PSI.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
MassDEP/MassDPH	Community Water Fluoridation Information Training for Water Operators	DWT-2024-36	1.00	Approved
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	2024 Southeastern Massachusetts Drinking Water Fair - Training Session 1 - Tackling Treatment & Distribution	DWT-2024-37	3.00	Approved
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	2024 Southeastern Massachusetts Drinking Water Fair - Training Session 2 - DEP Update	DWT-2024-38	2.00	Approved
EPA	Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities	DWT-2024-39	2.00	Approved
EPA	Cyber Refresher	DWT-2024-40	1.00	Approved
AWWA	Annual Conference & Exposition 2024	DWT-2024-41	23.00	Approved
NEWWA	NEWWA/RIWWA Joint Membership Meeting	DWT-2024-42	2.00	Approved
AWWA	Contaminants of Concern – PFAS	DWT-2024-43	1.00	Approved



TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE**STATUS:** None received.**ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:** None.**RECIPROCITY:**

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Laucks	Nathan	T4-Full	Pending	Denied

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome	Outcome at meeting
Bertrand	Adam	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Denied
Bertrand	Adam	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Arruda	Michael	D3-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Hopkins	Russell	VSS-Full	Approved	Approved
Hood	Elycia	D1-Full	Approved for OIT	Approved for OIT
Hood	Elycia	T1-Full	Approved for OIT	Approved for OIT
Reback	Jonathan	D1-Full	Approved	Approved
Basulto Alvarez	Romer	T3-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Macaruso	Daniel	T3-Full	Approved for OIT	Approved for OIT
O'Toole	John	VSS-Full	Approved	Approved
Geddes	Mark	T4-Full	Approved	Approved
Brecken	Nicholas	D4-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Schindell	Jeff	T1-Full	Approved for OIT	Approved for OIT
Thibodeau	David	D1-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Grady	Warren	D2-Full	Approved for OIT	Approved for OIT
McNulty	Philip	D4-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Gordon	Laurence	T2-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Killion	David	D2-Full	Approved	Approved
Gately	Blake	D1-Full	Approved	Approved
Davis	James	D2-Full	Approved	Approved
Paterson	Luke	D1-Full	Request Additional Information	Request Additional Information
Glasson	Timothy	D3-Full	Request Additional Information	Request Additional Information
Hanechak	Christopher	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request Additional Information
Wang	Wei Ming	T2-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Worcester	William	T4-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Blessing	Ryan	T1-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Roberts	Paul	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Martin	Alexander	D1-Full	Approved	Approved



Walsh	William	D2-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Verkan	Paul	T3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Murphy	Jeremiah	D4-Full	Approved	Approved
Surette	Mike	D2-Full	Approved	Approved
Blessing	Ryan	D2-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Curtis	Adam	D4-Full	Approved	Approved
Thornton	Dylan	D2-Full	Approved	Approved
Raymond	Joshua	D1-Full	Approved	Approved
Recupero	Giovanni	D1-Full	Approved	Approved
Kupiec	Nicholas	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Zimmerman	Brian	T3-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Riendeau	Raymond	D1-Full	Approved	Approved
Monaghan	Leanne	D1-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Taylor	Deborah	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Monaghan	Leanne	T1-Full upgrade	Approved	Approved
Tucculo	Jamie	T1-Full	Request Additional Information	Request Additional Information
Zingg	Chet	D1-Full	Request Additional Information	Request Additional Information
Heim	Mary	D3-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Jones	Joseph	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Request Additional Information
Slamin	Kodie	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Grillo	Joseph	D1-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Approved for OIT
Sousa	Joseph	D2-Full	Approved	Approved
Barrows	Austin	D1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Spinale	John	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Sorrows	Elisabeth	VSS-Full	<i>Pending</i>	Request Additional Information
Shaw	Jennifer	T1-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	Approved
Shaw	Jennifer	D2-Full upgrade	<i>Pending</i>	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.

A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes 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 11:39 AM., a MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to begin a closed Executive Session to review character rather than competence, followed by an Investigative Conference 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.

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

During the closed Investigative Conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

TCH Audit Results:

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| • 2024-201999-FI-ENF | Dismiss with Advisory |
| • 2024-201122-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-201169-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-201171-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-201173-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-201310-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-201315-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |
| • 2024-202147-FI-ENF | Open Complaint |

The Board did not need to hold a Quasi-Judicial Session that was reserved on the Agenda.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 1:01 PM.

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 7, 2024
Draft Public Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2024
Draft Public Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2024
DW CORI Policy
Exam Waiver – Wahlstrom
Exam Waiver – Fournier
Amended Regulations 236 CMR 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, and 5.00
Draft Updated Policy for Drinking Water Exams
Applications for licensure pending decisions

