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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD July 19, 2024 (Approved: September 6, 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 10:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- June 7, 2024, Open Session Board Meeting Minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- June 7, 2024, Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Executive Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

- Number of OIT applications processed and licensed since June meeting:



	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	
License type			
TA	4	10	14
TB	5	10	15
TC	2	2	4
TD	0	1	1
DA	5	9	14
DB	0	10	10
DC	1	5	6
DD	0	4	4
VT	1	0	1
Total	18	51	69

DISCUSSION:

- Waiver to Sit for Exam – Diaz
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to approve the waiver request submitted by Mr. Diaz. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- 12-month time limit on exam
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to establish an interim policy allowing 12-month requirement to submit application after taking an examination until the new Regulations are promulgated. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Correspondence on Passing Scores
Considered read and filed.
- Draft Regulations with Responses to EOED Comments
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Lukis to table this discussion for next meeting. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Temporary Emergency Certificate/Provisional Certification presentation
Ms. Grace Ronca of DEP presented information on TECs and PCs including definitions and statistics as well as some insight on the requests that were received and reviewed.
- Draft Contract Operator Policy with Comments from MWWA
After a discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso approve the Contract Operator Licensing Policy as edited during the meeting along with the form discussed today reflected in the final version. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Finch participated in the discussion of the Draft Contract Operator Policy.



TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
MassDEP	Cybersecurity Basics for Water and Wastewater Systems	DWT-2024-44	1.0	Approved
DOC MCI Norfolk WPCF	Powered Industrial Trucks, Manufactures	DWT-2024-45	3.0	Approved
Department of Labor Standards	Recent Incidents in the Public Sector	DWT-2024-46	0.5	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Natural System Utilities – Paddock Estates	#2024-58	Approved
Essex Water Dept.	#2024-59	Approved
Chicopee Water Dept.	—	Denied

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD:

Ms. Ronca brought forward a TEC situation of an operator with Wastewater experience to discuss the relevance of such experience towards Distribution experience. The Board decided to table this discussion until additional information is obtained.

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

At 11:57 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Coppes to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Executive Session to review character rather than competence, to return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

See separate Minutes of Executive Session

Open meeting reconvened at 12:14 P.M.

RECIPROCITY: None received.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
<i>Bunn</i>	<i>Edward</i>	<i>T1-Full (Appeal)</i>	<i>Denied</i>
<i>Rivera</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>D1-Full (Appeal)</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Bertrand	Adam	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Williams	Michael	D2-Full	Request Additional Information
Williams	Michael	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Tucculo	Jamie	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Zingg	Chet	D1-Full	Tabled



Jones	Joseph	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Sorrows	Elisabeth	VSS-Full	Approved
Worcester	William	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Grondin	Steven	D1-Full	Approved
Sierra	Rafael	D1-Full	Approved
Dorval	Brian	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Lizotte	David	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Drapeau	Paul	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Drapeau	Paul	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Ferreira	Joey	D1-Full	Approved
Petri	Hector	T2-Full	Approved
Barrepski	Silas	D1-Full upgrade	Request additional Information
Barrepski	Silas	T1-Full upgrade	Request additional Information
Lempart	Thomas	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Plourde	Phillip	D1-Full	Approved
Tomaiolo	Michael	T2-Full	Approved
Tomaiolo	Michael	D3-Full	Approved
O'Loughlin	Thomas	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Vickery	David	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
McDonald	Cameron	D3-Full	Approved
Belisle	Thomas	T3-Full	Approved
Brinch	Scott	T1-Full	Approved
Bailey	Kate	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Lyttle	Cameron	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Clark	Eric	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Silverman	Matthew	T2-Full upgrade	Request additional Information
Silverman	Matthew	D2-Full upgrade	Request additional Information
Lewis	Adam	D2-Full	Approved
Mills	Killian	T3-Full upgrade	Denied
Levine	Zack	D2-Full	Approved
Bruce	John	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Fitzgerald	Thomas	D4-Full upgrade	Denied
Zanello	Peter	D3-Full	Approved
Carrigg	Kearny	D3-Full	Approved
Czazasty	Evan	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Putis	Jacob	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Smidy	Jason	D3-Full	Approved
Diaz	Mario	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Diaz	Mario	T2-Full	Approved for OIT
Lowney	John	D1-Full	Approved
Kehlhem	Robert	T2-Full upgrade	Denied



Kehlhem	Robert	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Kagan	Harley	D4-Full	Approved
Garcia	Luis	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Garcia	Luis	T2-Full	Approved for OIT
Johnson	Curtley	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Dobbins	Patrick	D2-Full	Tabled
Dobbins	Patrick	T1-Full upgrade	Tabled
Walsh	Vyctoria	D2-Full	Approved
Higgins	Todd	D1-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 Alfasso to approve licenses and decisions indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

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

At 1:36 P.M., a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Quasi Judicial Session to make decisions in adjudicatory matters, and to **not** return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

- 2022-001053-IT-ENF Board determined its Final Decision and Order
- 2024-000192-IT-ENF Board determined its Final Decision and Order

The Board did not hold the Investigative Conference that was 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, Coppes, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 1:57 P.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 July 19, 2024

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2024



Draft Executive Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2024
Exam Waiver – M. Diaz
Correspondence on Passing Scores
TECs and PCs – Presentation for Board
Draft Contract Operator Licensing Policy
Applications for licensure pending decisions

