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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD September 5, 2025 (Approved: October 3, 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	

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- August 1, 2025 – Public Meeting Minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2025. Roll Call Board Vote: Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Reid, in favor. Lukis and Salomaa abstained.
- August 7, 2023 – Amended Public Meeting Minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the amended Public Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:



- Number of OIT applications processed and licensed since the August 2025 meeting:

License type	
TA	9
TB	7
TC	5
TD	4
DA	10
DB	6
DC	4
DD	3
Total	48

- Board Counsel Report
 - Guidance on Renewal of Multiple Licenses
 - Regulations

DISCUSSION:

- Guidance on Renewal of Multiple Licenses
A MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the revised Guidance on Renewal of Multiple Licenses. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Exam course waiver request – T. Cusick – Approved
- Exam course waiver request – D. Thornton
A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Coppes to deny the waiver for Basic Treatment training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Exam course waiver requests – G. Ennis
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to deny the waivers for Basic Treatment and Distribution training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Exam course waiver request – D. Tucker
A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis to approve the waiver for Distribution training course. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- Report on review of new WPI exams
After Members Reid and Coppes provided reports on the new WPI exam materials, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Reid to adopt the new WPI exams. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Coppes, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member Salomaa introduced Ms. Graham who will be his successor on the Drinking Water Board.

TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING: None.**TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:**

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
MassDEP	New Superintendent Training	DWT-2025-63	2.00	Approved
Industrial Safety and Rescue	Fall Protection	DWT-2025-64	8.00	Approved
Industrial Safety and Rescue	Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) Training	DWT-2025-65	8.00	Approved
Industrial Safety and Rescue	Fire Extinguisher Training	DWT-2025-66	2.00	Approved
BCWUA	Fall Technical Session: Cross Connection Control and Compliance Priorities and Tips	DWT-2025-67	2.00	Approved
Tata & Howard	2025-26 Emergency Response Plan Training (ERP) for DW/WW Systems	DWT-2025-68	7.00	Approved
MassDEP	A Day Without SCADA: Framingham, MA Case Study	DWT-2025-69	1.00	Approved
Dennis Water District	Lockout/Tagout		6.00	Denied – Application was submitted after class occurred
AWWA	Disinfection Basics (EL320) (eLearning course)		1.00	Denied – TCHs requested did not meet time to complete course
AWWA	Management of Low Pressure in Distribution Systems (EL321) (eLearning course)		1.00	Denied – TCHs requested did not meet time to complete course

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC#	Status
Pequot Highlands	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>

RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
De Marco	Allen	D1-Full	Approved

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
<i>Sampson</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	<i>D4-Full</i>	Approved
Flaherty	Hayden	D1-Full	Approved
Cusick	Thomas	D3-Full	Approved
Savary	Charlene	D1-Full upgrade	Denied
Dunn	Chris	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Colonese	Tristan	D1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Crosbie	Corey	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
McNamara	Daniel	D1-Full	Approved
McNamara	Daniel	T1-Full	Approved
Mirabella	Garrett	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Wood	Charles	D4-Full	Approved
Cheetham	Christine	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Wenger	Ethan	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Ohrn	Seth	D1-Full upgrade	Denied
Rizzi	Peter	D2-Full	Approved
Kritter	Andrew	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Bratsos	Nicole	D1-Full	Approved
Hurley	Shane	D2-Full	Approved
Weaver	Charles	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Mirabella	Garrett	D1-Full	Additional Information Requested
Champagne	Austin	T1-Full	Approved
Dobbins	Patrick	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
LaRoche	Joseph	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Ansell	Danielle	T1-Full	Approved
Heaslip	Scott	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Bott	Robert	T3-Full	Approved
Milikin	Margaret	VSS-Full	Approved
Milikin	Margaret	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Corrigan	Patrick	T3-Full	Approved for OIT
Dunphy	Thomas	D1-Full	Approved
Murphy	Brian	D3-Full	Approved
Ayala	Noel	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Joncas	Taylor	D1-Full upgrade	Denied
Joncas	Taylor	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Morin	Ryan	D3-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 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 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 10:05 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 September 5, 2025

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2025

Amended Open Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023

Guidance on Renewal of Multiple Licenses

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Exam course waiver requests – Garrett Ennis

Exam course waiver request – Dylan Tucker

Applications for licensure pending decisions