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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD September 6, 2024 (Approved: October 4, 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 10:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- July 19, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2024, as amended. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- August 12, 2024, Open Session Board meeting minutes
A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to accept the Public Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2024. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATES:

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



License type	
TA	7
TB	8
TC	3
TD	1
DA	2
DB	5
DC	1
DD	2
VT	0
Total	29

DISCUSSION:

- Policy to Extend Time to Apply from Six Months to 12 Months After Passing Exam
At the July 19, 2024, meeting the Board passed a motion to establish an interim policy allowing 12-month requirement to submit application after taking an examination until the new Regulations are promulgated. This policy cannot be implemented as it is in opposition of Regulations as they stand. Therefore, all applications going forward will need to be submitted within 6 months of the date of exam allowing for a brief grace period.
- Board Meeting Start Time
The Board decided to change the start time of all meetings going forward to 9:00 A.M.
- Draft Regulations with Responses to EOED Comments
Board Counsel led a discussion of the comments and changes made to the Draft Regulations. Sections 2, 4 and 5 were reviewed and edited during this meeting

A MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Reid to approve the edits made to 236 CMR Section 4.00. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

A MOTION was made by Member Salomaa and seconded by Member Alfasso to approve the edits made to 236 CMR Section 5.00. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Reid to approve the edits made to 236 CMR Section 2.00. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

- Draft Contract Operator Policy
Board Chair provided a brief update presenting the final policy incorporating changes voted by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:



TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	Fall 2024 Training Session: Preparing for a Cross-Connection Audit	DWT-2024-58	2.00	Approved
EPA	Cyber 201 Training	DWT-2024-59	1.50	Approved

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS:

Name of PWS	TEC# or PC #	Status
Brockton DPW	#2024-61	Approved

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.**RECIPROCITY:** None received.**APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Dobbins	Patrick	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Dobbins	Patrick	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Mccullough	Keith	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
DiBiasio	Vincent	D1-Full	Approved
Brault	William	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Fortin	Brian	T2-Full	Additional Information Requested
Hartwell	Steffen	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Feeley	Benjamin	D1-Full	Approved
Rowland	Brian	D1-Full	Approved
Freyenhagen	Keith	D1-Full	Approved
Wakefield	Joseph	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Heaslip	Scott	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Morin	Ryan	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Delratez	Travis	D2-Full	Approved
Morozov	Aleksey	T2-Full	Approved for OIT
Bailey	Kate	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
Demarey	Ashley	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Kilmain	Kenneth	D2-Full	Approved
Diaz	Mario	D2-Full	Approved
Villacis	Luis	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
McSweeney	Brian	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
McSweeney	Brian	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Shutt	William	D4-Full	Approved
Dewberry	Nicole	D3-Full upgrade	Denied
Freyenhagen	Keith	T1-Full	Approved



Ardizoni	Daniel	D1-Full	Approved
Masters	Patrick	D2-Full	Approved
Schwinger	Christina	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Farone	Nicholas	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 Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve licenses and decisions indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

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

At 11:37 A.M., a MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to leave the Open Meeting to begin a closed Investigative Conference to discuss matters of settlement and disciplinary complaints to show cause and to not return to the Open Meeting afterwards. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Celona, Lukis, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

Cases:

- 2020-000105-IT-ENF Tabled to October
- 2024-201122-FI-ENF Guidance given to Prosecutor
- 2024-201169-FI-ENF Guidance given to Prosecutor
- 2024-201310-FI-ENF Guidance given to Prosecutor
- 2024-201312-FI-ENF Referred to Prosecution

The Board did not have any need to hold the Executive Session or Quasi-Judicial Session that were reserved on the Agenda.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 12:33 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 September 6, 2024

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2024

Draft Open Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2024



Draft 236 CMR 2.00, 4.00 and 5.00 with Responses to EOED Comments
Final Contract Operator Licensing Policy
Applications for licensure pending decisions
Case files for Investigative Conference

