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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING September 9, 2022

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Maynard	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		
Lynn Read	Board Counsel	X	
Mary McCarthy-Collins	Executive Director	X	
Aashna Alim	Office Admin	X	

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: at 10:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis to accept the May 6, 2022, June 3, 2022, and July 22, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes. Roll Call Board Vote: Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DISCUSSION:

- Waiver of Training Requirement to sit for (D3) Exam – Distribution certificate was not presented. After brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Alfasso to deny the requested Waiver under the Board's Policy 2010-02 (IX). Roll Call Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.
- WPI (ABC) – Pass/Fail Rates. The Operator statistics in Appendix A were discussed. There was a rise in the number of individuals taking Drinking Water exams, going up from 1006 in



2020 to 1185 in 2021. There was also a rise in the number of individuals taking D1 and T1 exams. However, the pass rate was lower in 2021 than in 2020. The Board will attempt to get the information from PSI requested by Ms. Pedersen for MWWA.

- Web Site Updates (List of Applications) – Drinking Water application checklist of required documentation will also be added to the website
- PSI exam score issues – Chair Maynard reported that Board counsel Read reached out to PSI to resolve issues faced by applicants in obtaining exam scores.
- Organizational Name Change: Chair Maynard reported that “Jade Learning” changed its name to “At Your Pace On-line.”

RECIPROCITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Bratsos	Nicole	T4-Full (Reciprocity)	<u>Pending</u>
Gagnon	Matthew	D3-Full (Reciprocity)	<u>Pending</u>
Gagnon	Matthew	T3-Full (Reciprocity)	<u>Pending</u>
Soito	Stephen	T4-Full (Reciprocity)	<u>Pending</u>
Aaronson	Zachary	D4-Full (Reciprocity)	<u>Pending</u>

A MOTION was made by Member Coppes and seconded by Member Lukis to approve the application of Stephen Soito as listed above. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs
MA Inspector General	Public Contracting Overview	DWT-2022-32-COVID19-32	2
MA Inspector General	Supplies and Services Contracting	DWT-2022-33-COVID19-33	2
MA Inspector General	MCPPO - Designation Renewal	DWT-2022-34-COVID19-34	2
MA Inspector General	Design and Construction Contracting	DWT-2022-35-COVID19-35	2
Barnstable County Water Utilities Association	DEP Updates	DWT-2022-36-COVID19-36	2
New England Water Works Association	Lead & Copper Panel Discussion	DWT-2022-37-COVID19-37	2
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	Trenching & Excavation Safety	DWT-2022-38-COVID19-38	6
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	OSHA 10	DWT-2022-39-COVID19-39	10
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	Work Zone Safety	DWT-2022-40-COVID19-40	2.5
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	Red Cross/ First Aid Certification	DWT-2022-41-COVID19-41	3
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	Flagger Certification	DWT-2022-42-COVID19-42	3
Baystate Roads/UMass Transportation Center	Confined Space Entry Training	DWT-2022-43-COVID19-43	6

DEP/UMass/RCAP Solutions, Inc.	Cyber Security Planning	DWT-2022-44-COVID19-44	1
University of Illinois - Champaign	Source Water Protection in Massachusetts	DWT-2022-45-COVID19-45	1
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	Emergency Response Operations Training	DWT-2022-46-COVID19-46	4
EFCN - Syracuse	Power of Partnership: Sharing Resources	DWT-2022-47-COVID19-47	2
MA Inspector General	Emergency Procurement	DWT-2022-48-COVID19-48	2
MA Inspector General	Procurement Best Practices	DWT-2022-49-COVID19-49	2
MA Inspector General	Public Sector Ethics	DWT-2022-50-COVID19-50	2
MA Inspector General	Contract Administration	DWT-2022-51-COVID19-51	6
MA Inspector General	Advanced Topics	DWT-2022-52-COVID19-52	2
MA Inspector General	IFB & RFP Workshop	DWT-2022-53-COVID19-53	2
MA Inspector General	Vendor/Contractor Responsibility and Eligibility Determinations	DWT-2022-54-COVID19-54	2
Acushnet Water Dept.: Woodard & Curran, Inc. –	Emergency Response Operations Training	DWT-2022-55-COVID19-55	2
NEWWA	GW Rule & Water Resources - Session A	DWT-2022-56-COVID19-56	2
NEWWA	Asset Management & Data- Session B	DWT-2022-57-COVID19-57	2
NEWWA	Distribution - Session C	DWT-2022-58-COVID19-58	2
NEWWA	Management & Finance- Session D	DWT-2022-59-COVID19-59	2
NEWWA	Water Treatment - Session E	DWT-2022-60-COVID19-60	2
NEWWA	Stormy Awards for New England - Session F	DWT-2022-61-COVID19-61	2
NEWWA	PFAS- Session G	DWT-2022-62-COVID19-62	2
BCWUA	Pipe Locating & Leak Detection	DWT-2022-63-COVID19-63	2

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE STATUS (COVID-19): None.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ms. Pedersen asked the Board to emphasize to PSI that PSI should be responsive to applicants seeking score reports that PSI did not provide at the test center.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Decker	Jonathan	T1-Full	Approved
Hall	Kristen	D2-Full	Approved
Lane	Christopher	D1-Full upgrade	Denied

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Pierre-Louis	Ichler	D1-Full	Approved
McLaughlin	Walter	D4-Full	Approved
Kizik	Christopher	D2-Full	Approved
Roche	Daniel	D1-Full	Approved
Cournoyer	William	D1-Full upgrade	Approved
Cournoyer	William	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Matton	Mike	D3-Full	Approved
Putis	Jacob	D2-Full upgrade	Denied
Putis	Jacob	T2-Full upgrade	Denied
Arruda	Michael	D2-Full	Approved
Decker	Jonathan	T2-Full	Approved
Makowski	Donald	T1-Full	Approved
Arruda	Michael	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Nunnery	Stephen	T3-Full	Approved
Turchi	Remo	D1-Full	Approved
Turchi	Remo	D2-Full	Approved
Mills	Killian	T2-Full	Approved - Hold till Oct 2022
Morales	Jonathan	T1-Full upgrade	Denied
Shairs	Ryan	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Riese	Miles	D3-Full	Approved
Ayers	Mathew	D1-Full	Approved
Ceres	Jarod	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
McNamara	Patrick	D2-Full	Approved
Joyce	Thomas	D2-Full	Approved
Sinclair	Wade	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Sinclair	Wade	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
DiGiorgio	Stephen	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Lee	John	D3-Full	Approved
Swenson	Kyle	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
Ferreira	Jacquelyn	D1-Full	Approved
Desmarais	Amber	T4-Full	Approved
Costello	Richard	T2-Full	Approved
Jensen	John	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Taubert	Alan	T2-Full	Approved
Thibodeau	David	D1-Full	Denied
Johnson	Mark	T2-Full	Approved
Nee	Michael	T2-Full	Approved
Butler	David	T3-Full	Approved
Kardasz	Paul	T3-Full	Approved

*Member Coppes recuses himself from any MWRA license applications.

**Member Lukis recuses himself from any Dedham-Westwood Water District license applications

***Member Reid recuses himself from any Chelmsford Water District license applications.

A MOTION was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Lukis to approve licenses indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Member Alfasso and seconded by Member Salomaa. Roll Call Vote – Unanimous — Alfasso, Coppes, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael J Maynard

Michael J. Maynard, Chair
Board of Drinking Water & Supply Facility Operators

Documents Used in Meeting:

Agenda for September 9, 2022

Draft Minutes of Open Meeting May 6, 2022

Draft Minutes of Open Meeting June 3, 2022

Draft Minutes of Open Meeting July 22, 2022

Enclosures:

Appendix A					
Table 1(a)					
Massachusetts Board of Certification of Drinking Water Operators					
2020					
Summary Report of ABC Exams Results in Massachusetts					
Includes VSS, Treatment and Distribution Exams & Pass/Fail Rate					
License Type	Total #	Total # Pass	Total # Fail	% Pass	% Fail
VSS	19	17	2	89%	11%
D1	257	170	87	66%	34%
D2	150	91	59	61%	39%
D3	79	44	35	56%	44%
D4	53	22	31	42%	58%
T1	228	135	93	59%	31%
T2	122	73	49	60%	40%
T3	54	37	17	69%	31%
T4	44	14	30	32%	68%
Total	1006	603	403	60%	40%

Appendix A Table 1(b) Massachusetts Board of Certification of Drinking Water Operators 2021 Summary Report of ABC Exams Results in Massachusetts Includes VSS, Treatment and Distribution Exams & Pass/Fail Rate					
License Type	Total #	Total # Pass	Total # Fail	% Pass	% Fail
VSS	13	11	2	85%	15%
D1	289	176	113	61%	39%
D2	163	94	69	58%	42%
D3	111	54	57	49%	51%
D4	60	24	36	40%	60%
T1	271	156	115	58%	42%
T2	150	86	64	57%	43%
T3	72	46	26	64%	36%
T4	56	24	32	43%	57%
Total	1185	671	514	57%	43%

Appendix A Table 1(c) Massachusetts Board of Certification of Drinking Water Operators Comparison of 2019-2021 Pass Rates			
	2019	2020	2021
License Type	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass
VSS	89%	89%	85%
D1	63%	66%	61%
D2	69%	61%	58%
D3	48%	56%	49%
D4	53%	42%	40%
T1	64%	59%	58%
T2	67%	60%	57%
T3	67%	69%	64%
T4	39%	32%	43%