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Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Facilities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD October 7, 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 10:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- September 9, 2022, Open Session Board Meeting Minutes were amended in the meeting. A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso to accept the September 9, 2022 Open Meeting Minutes as amended. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

DOL UPDATE:

- Drinking Water operators and applicants have reported issues when trying to obtain score reports from PSI. Board Counsel Read reached out to PSI and WPI (formerly ABC) who were able to provide online access with the updated login information.

DISCUSSION:

- Ms. Kathy Romero from the DEP presented on self-guided training course on Source Water Protection – University of Illinois/ UMass / MassDEP
- Board counsel Read talked about DEI’s push to remove the term “Grandfathering” due to its problematic history and racist roots. The term appears once in the Drinking Water



regulations. A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Alfasso to change the wording of 236 Code Mass. Regs.3.02 (8) to “exemption.” Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

- Member Reid talked about the State of Maine’s commendation for Drinking Water operators for their COVID efforts and suggested something similar be done operators in Massachusetts. Chair Maynard, Counsel Read, and Executive Director McCarthy-Collins will work on this.

RECIPROCIITY:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Bratsos	Nicole	T4-Full (Reciprocity)	Denied
Gagnon	Matthew	D3-Full (Reciprocity)	Denied
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Soito	Stephen	T4-Full (Reciprocity)	Approved
Aaronson	Zachary	D4-Full (Reciprocity)	Pending

- The Board discussed the reciprocity application submitted by Zachary Aaronson. Mr. Aaronson has met all the requirements for D4-Full but does not seem to have taken a Distribution course. Based on his education and experience, he would meet the eligibility to have the course requirement waived. A MOTION was made by Member Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve the reciprocity application of Mr. Aaronson pending submission of waiver request by the applicant. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

TRAINING CONTACT HOUR APPLICATIONS:

Organization	Course	Course ID#	TCHs	Status
Tata & Howard	ERP Training for PWS			Pending
AWWA	2022 OpShow – Virtual Operator Conference			Pending

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICIATE STATUS (COVID-19):

Name of PWS	TEC #	Status
City of Malden		Pending Application
West Newbury Water Dept.		Pending

- Chair Maynard approved both TEC requests pending CORI checks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Ms. Jennifer Pedersen requested the status of an application submitted. Board staff let her know and said they would follow up with the applicant.
- Mr. Yem Lip of Malden Water Department called in to know the outcome of the TEC request.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY BOARD: None.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Last Name	First Name	Applying for	Outcome
Raskevitz	Paul	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Provost	Paul	D4-Full upgrade	Approved
Mills	Killian	T2-Full	Approved
Guimaraes	Celena	VSS-Full	Approved
Whitcomb	Zachary	D2-Full	Approved
Whitcomb	Zachary	D3-Full	Approved for OIT
Sostro-Rosado	Jonell	D1-Full	Approved
Geddes	Mark	T1-Full	Approved
Yargeau	Douglas	D1-Full	Approved
Yargeau	Douglas	T1-Full	Approved
Truax	Terry	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Rowley	Daniel	T3-Full upgrade	Approved
Rupolo	Michael	T1-Full upgrade	Approved
Gilchrest	Donald	D1-Full	Approved
Bunnell	William	VSS-Full	Approved
Bunnell	William	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Reynolds Levy	Davian	D1-Full	Approved for OIT
DeFlorio	Peter	T1-Full	Approved
Arruda	Michael	D4-Full	Approved for OIT
Ramsey	Alan	T2-Full	Approved
Zagler	Alexander	T4-Full upgrade	Approved
McGown	Matthew	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Burns	Christopher	D2-Full	Approved
Hamm	Jason	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Fuller	Stuart	VSS-Full	Approved
Gage	Daniel	D1-Full	Approved
Nadeau	Eric	VSS-Full	Approved
Hood	Elycia	VSS-Full	Approved
Gage	Daniel	T1-Full	Approved for OIT
Allen	Jeffrey	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Allen	Jeffrey	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Medeiros	Anthony	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Medeiros	Anthony	D2-Full upgrade	Approved
Liccardi	Shawn	T4-Full upgrade	Denied
McCauley	Isabel	T1-Full	Approved
Brecken	Nicholas	D2-Full	Approved
Chabot	Christopher	D1-Full	Approved
Chabot	Christopher	T1-Full	Approved
Martin	Brian	T2-Full upgrade	Approved
Cameron	Kristel	D3-Full upgrade	Approved
Rivers	Scott	D2-Full	Approved for OIT
Stoneking	Daniel	D4-Full	Approved
Royal	Thomas	D2-Full	Approved
Jensen	John	T2-Full	Approved
Wall	Andrew	D3-Full	Approved

Segal	Evan	D2-Full	Approved
Segal	Evan	D3-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 Lukis and seconded by Member Salomaa to approve licenses indicated in the above chart. Roll Call Board Vote: – Unanimous – Alfasso, Lukis, Maynard, Reid, Salomaa in favor.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 10:44 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 October 7, 2022

Draft Minutes of Open Meeting September 9, 2022

Memo on regulatory changes to remove “grandfathering”