

Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission

NC Department of Environmental Quality

WPCSOCC Meeting Summary – November 7, 2025

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Marchell Adams-David
Arnold Allred
Steve Barry - Teams
Mark Brantley - Chair
Martie Groome
Matthew Haynes
Chester Lowder
Alan Moore
Robert Rubin - Teams
Jonathan Russell - Teams

STAFF

Patrick Beggs, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR
Phillip Reynolds, NCDOJ
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Renee Thompson, DWR - Teams
Jenee Williamston, DWR - Teams

GUESTS

Gary Hudson

MEMBERS Absent:

Jim Lynch
Jonathan Russell

Preliminary Matters

P1. Call to Order – Mark Brantley – Chair

P2. Notice of NC State Government Ethics Act Requirements – None noted.

In accordance with the NC State Government Ethics act, it is the duty of every commissioner to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest. The Chairman for today's Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission meeting hereby asks:

"Does any commissioner have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before this commission today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from participation in that matter."

P3. Appointment and Reappointments to the Commission – Oath of Office by Deputy Secretary of State William Toole

a. **Reappointments:** Commissioner Adams-David

P4. Revisions or Additions to Agenda

Commissioner Brantley added an Info Item to discuss complaints received about a Certification School.

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P5. Review and Approval of Summary for August 8, 2025 – Quarterly Meeting

Motion to approve Meeting Summary for August 8, 2025

Motion by Haynes

Second: Groome

Roll Call: Motion passed unopposed.

Action Items

25110701 – Approve Reciprocity Decision Matrix

DOJ Counsel, Phillip Reynolds, recommended removing this item from the agenda until further research can be conducted.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL: Reciprocal NC Wastewater Certifications:

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>	<u>Exam Type</u>
25110702	Candidate #1	WW3	Massachusetts	ABC
25110703	Candidate #2	WW4	South Carolina	ABC
25110704	Candidate #3	PC2	South Carolina	ABC
25110705	Candidate #4	PC2	Colorado	ABC
25110706	Candidate #5	CS4	South Carolina	ABC

Motion: Approve all above listed Candidates for Reciprocity

Motion by Lowder

Second: Haynes

Roll Call: Motion passed unopposed

25110707 Recommendation to Approve Tim Horton as a Certification School Provider Approval

Motion: Grant approval to Tim Horton to teach WW Grades 1,2,3, and 4.

Motion by Lowder

Second: Allred

Roll Call: Motion passed unopposed

25110708 Approve 2026 Meeting Dates: February 13, May 8, August 14, November 13

Motion by Adams-David

Second: Haynes

Roll Call: Motion passed unopposed

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Information Items

25110721 – September 25 Exam Pass Rates

Exam Date: 09/11/2025

Certification	Took	Pass	Fail	%	Historical
AWA - 01	8	7	1	88	79
AWB - 02	4	4	0	100	90
CS1 - 03	132	109	23	83	81
CS2 - 04	104	70	34	67	75
CS3 - 05	72	45	27	63	68
CS4 - 06	26	26	0	100	75
LA - 07	13	8	5	62	69
SI - 08	7	7	0	100	76
SS - 09	41	37	4	90	82
WW1 - 10	107	69	38	64	58
WW2 - 11	76	36	40	47	48
WW3 - 12	36	19	17	53	43
WW4 - 13	15	14	1	93	61
PC1 - 15	38	14	24	37	62
PC2 - 16	3	2	1	67	65

Green = Above Historical Pass Rate

Orange = Below Historical Pass Rate

Jeff Talbott commented that the Operator Certification Program is looking for a new venue for Raleigh exams due to a request by the Public Water Supply Section based on their budget. If commissioners have any suggestions, please contact Jeff.

25110722 – Discuss Complaints made about a Certification School.

Motion: Move this Info Item to Closed Session pursuant to NC General Statute Section 143-318.11

Motion by Lowder

Second: Moore

Roll Call: Motion passed unopposed

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The commission retired to closed session. Upon return, Counsel noted that no motions were made and no votes were taken during closed session.

Announcement of the next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for **Friday, February 13, 2026, at 10:00AM** in the Archdale Building Ground Floor Hearing, Raleigh NC.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by Commission Chair, Mark Brantley. There were no objections.