

North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board

Meeting Summary – June 17, 2025

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Jonathan Pons
Rani Holland
Orlando Coronell
La'Meshia Whittington
Matthew Zapp

STAFF

Alaina Strater, DWR
Chris Brown, DWR
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Stephen Denning, DWR

GUESTS

Christine Ricci, NCWOA
Emily Young, NCDOJ
Brent Milliron, Aqua NC
Ron Krueger, Aqua NC

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order – Jonathan Pons – Chair

Notice of NC State Government Ethics Act Requirements

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 Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board 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." None noted.

Review and Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2025

Approved with no corrections

Motion by: La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Action Items

Opportunity for comments from attending public

N/A

A) Certification Reinstatement Requests – Section .0309

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Reinstatement Request</u>	<u>Year Certification Expired</u>
Daniel Mason	C-Distribution	2022

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Kelly Welborn	A-Distribution	2022
George Wilson	B-Distribution, Cross Connection	2015
Ryan Hussey	C-Distribution	2021
Anthony Mock	B-Surface	2020
Charles Vaughan	C-Well	2018
Anthony Smith	C-Distribution	2022
Robert Stotler	C-Distribution	2008

Daniel Mason

Motion: Pay two years back fees, pass C-Distribution exam

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Kelly Welborn

Motion: Pay two years back fees, pass A-Distribution exam

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

George Wilson

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take B-Distribution school, pass B-Distribution exam

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take Cross Connection school, pass Cross Connection exam

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Ryan Hussey

Motion: Pay two years back fees, pass C-Distribution exam

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Anthony Mock

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take B-Surface school, pass B-Surface exam

Motion by Matt Zapp

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Charles Vaughan

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Well school, pass C-Well exam

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Motion by Rani Holland
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Anthony Smith

Motion: Pay two years back fees, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Robert Stotler

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

B) Operator in Responsible Charge Requests-Section .0701

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>ORC Request</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Clinton Hinson	Cross Connection	Multiple systems
Michael Bradley	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	Lincoln County WTP
Michael Richardson	A-Well and A-Distribution	Carolina Village
Garland Samuel Grant III	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	Bath Water System
Alex Bass	C-Well and C-Distribution	Multiple systems
Chris Hare	C-Well	Multiple systems
Matthew Morris	C-Well	Multiple systems
JB Buchanan	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	Town of Andrews
Joshua Ayotte	C-Well	Multiple systems
Lee Sasser	B-Well and B-Distribution	Weyerhaeuser Southern Lumber WS
Richard Hartley	C-Well and Cross Connection	LaGrange Water System
Daniel Alonzo	C-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Clarkton
Tom Beasley	A-Well and A-Distribution	Town of Mount Olive

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Clinton Hinson

Motion: To approve operator to be temporary ORC with multiple systems until board meeting scheduled for December 9 or subsequent meeting. Board requested further status be provided regarding other employees scheduled to attend school in September.

Motion by Orlando Cornell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Michael Bradley

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution and Cross Connection ORC with Lincoln County WTP

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Michael Richardson

Motion: Requesting to be A-Well and A-Distribution ORC with Carolina Village

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Garland Samuel Grant III

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution and Cross Connection ORC with Bath Water System

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Alex Bass

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and C-Distribution ORC with multiple systems

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Chris Hare

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with multiple systems

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Matthew Morris

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with multiple systems

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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JB Buchanan

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution and Cross Connection ORC with Town of Andrews

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Joshua Ayotte

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with multiple systems

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Matt Zapp

Motion passed unopposed.

Lee Sasser

Motion: Requesting to be B-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Weyerhaeuser Southern Lumber WS

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Richard Hartley

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and Cross Connection ORC with LaGrange Water System

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Daniel Alonzo

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Town of Clarkton

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Matt Zapp

Motion passed unopposed.

Tom Beasley

Motion: Requesting to be A-Well and A-Distribution ORC with Town of Mount Olive

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Bi-Annual Aqua NC ORC Exceedance Spreadsheet

Motion: To approve Aqua presentation of exceedance spreadsheet

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

C) Temporary Certificate Request – Section .0404

None.

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D) Out-Of-State Reciprocity Request - Section .0201 (b)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>
Clark Edward Evano	Well & Surface	FL
Michael D Wilson	Well & Surface	TN
Carson A Langston	Well, Surface & Distribution	SC
Heather Marie Somers	Surface & Distribution	WV
Nicholas Michael St. George	Well	FL
Ursilla A Hare	Cross Connection, Well & Distribution	WA
William Brian Leonard	Surface	VA
Michael Key Richardson	Well, Surface & Distribution	CO

Clark Edward Evano

Motion: Recommend C-Well and C-Surface certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Michael D Wilson

Motion: Recommend C-Well and A-Surface certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Carson A Langston

Motion: Recommend C-Well, A-Surface and A-Distribution certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Heather Marie Somers

Motion: Recommend B-Surface and C-Distribution certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by Matt Zapp

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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Nicholas Michael St. George

Motion: Recommend A-Well certification be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Ursulla Ann Hare

First Motion: Recommend C-Distribution and Cross Connection certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Second Motion: To request additional information including experience pertaining to C-Well certification in preparation for September meeting.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

William Brian Leonard

Motion: Recommend B-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Michael Key Richardson

Motion: Recommend A-Well, A-Surface and A-Distribution certifications be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by Matt Zapp

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

E) Military Training and Experience Request

None.

F) Other Request

None.

G) Classified Water Treatment Facilities – Section .0205

New Systems

Cedar Oaks South

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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64 East Apartment

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Matt Zapp

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Thatcher Woods

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Courtyards at Lake Davidson

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well, D-Distribution

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Norwood S/D

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well, C-Distribution

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Change Systems

Bath Water System

Motion: Approve change removing C-Well, adding Cross Connection

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Matt Zapp

Motion passed unopposed.

Aurora Water System

Motion: Approve change removing C-Well

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Matt Zapp

Motion passed unopposed.

Sugar Mountain Utility

Motion: Approve change adding Cross Connection

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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H) Rules

Jeff Talbott requesting volunteers to form sub-committee to explore rule changes to 18D rules.

I) Education

Review of paper exams results from May 29th

Proctors For Paper Exams – August 28, 2025

- **Raleigh** – La'Meshia Whittington, Alaina Strater (staff), Chris Brown (staff)
- **Hickory** – Stephen Denning (staff)
- **Williamston**- Jeff Talbott (staff)

J) Other

La'Meisha Whittington expressed concern about wearable electronics at exam sites.

Opportunity for comments from attending public

Announcements and general discussion

The next meeting of the NCWTFOCB is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00AM** at the Archdale Ground Floor Hearing Room located at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn today's meeting.

Motion by Jonathan Pons

Motion passed unopposed.