

# North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board

## Meeting Summary – January 20, 2026

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

### Roster

#### MEMBERS

Niroj Aryal  
Harold Grier  
Rani Holland  
Rebecca Sadosky  
La'Meshia Whittington  
Thomas Hedrick

#### STAFF

Chris Brown, DWR  
Jeff Talbott, DWR  
Stephen Denning, DWR  
Shelby Gull, DWR

#### GUESTS

Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State  
Christine Ricci, NCWOA  
Alan Oldham, NCRWA  
Brent Milliron, AQUA  
Rob Krueger, AQUA  
Cheri Proctor, NCRWA  
Elly Young, NCDOJ

### Preliminary Matters

**Call to Order – Rani Holland – Vice Chair**

**Appointment and Reappointments to the Board – Oath of Office by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall**

**New appointments:** Commissioner Harold Grier, Niroj Aryal

**Reappointment:** Commissioner La'Meshia Whittington, Thomas Hedrick

**Nomination of new Chairman:** Rani Holland

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

**Nomination of new Vice Chairman:** La'Meshia Whittington

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Reading 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:

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*“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 September 16, 2025**

Approved with no corrections  
Motion by: Thomas Hedrick  
Second: La'Meshia Whittington  
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>
Deems Blanton	A-Distribution, B-Well and Cross Connection	2022
Michael Gregory	A-Surface	2020
Robert Parker	C-Distribution	2016

#### **Deems Blanton**

Motion: Pay two years back fees for each certification, and pass each certification exam  
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington  
Second: Rebecca Sadosky  
Motion passed unopposed.

#### **Michael Gregory**

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take A-Surface school, pass A-Surface exam  
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington  
Second: Thomas Hedrick  
Motion passed unopposed.

#### **Robert Parker**

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam  
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
Second: Thomas Hedrick  
Motion passed unopposed.

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## B) Operator in Responsible Charge Requests-Section .0701

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>ORC Request</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Hannah Turner	C-Well	Chimney Rock and Oletha Falls
Ryan Springle	B-Well	Town of Beaufort
Dennis Wells	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	City of Bessemer
Christopher Smith	C-Well and C-Distribution	Union Utilities Corp.
Robert Mazzeo	B-Distribution	Wrightsville Beach Water System
Trudy McVicker	B-Well	City of Raeford
Wayne Barbee	C-Well	Northwest Onslow Water Association
Tim Oliver	B-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Columbia
Harry Hull	A-Distribution	City of Statesville
Jim Kuipers	C-Well and C-Distribution	Town of Dover
Jeffrey Thomas	C-Well and C-Distribution	Town of Faith
Everett Lamar Williams	A-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Robbinsville
Anthony Stillwell	C-Well and B-Distribution	Marble Community Water System

### **Hannah Turner**

Motion: To be tabled until next meeting pending additional information from engineer  
 Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
 Second: Thomas Hedrick  
 Motion passed unopposed.

### **Ryan Springle**

Motion: Requesting to be B-Well ORC with Town of Beaufort  
 Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
 Second: Thomas Hedrick  
 Motion passed unopposed.

### **Dennis Well**

Motion: To be tabled until next meeting pending staff follow-up to see if persons mentioned in exceedance letter passed exams  
 Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
 Second: La'Meshia Whittington  
 Motion passed unopposed.

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## **Christopher Smith**

Motion: To be tabled until next meeting pending additional information about Murfreesboro operator's exam status and Millennium water violations

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Robert Mazzeo**

Motion: To be tabled until next meeting pending information needed on additional help from other ORCs

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Trudy McVicker**

Motion: Requesting to be B-Well ORC with City of Raeford

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Wayne Barbee**

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with Northwest Onslow Water Association

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Harold Grier

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Tim Oliver**

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

Motion by Thomas Hedrick

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Harry Hull**

Motion: Move to approve request to be A-Distribution ORC with City of Statesville until December 2026

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Jim Kuipers**

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

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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## **Jeffrey Thomas**

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

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

## **Everett Lamar Williams**

Motion: Move to approve request to be A-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Town of Robbinsville until September 2026

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed

## **Anthony Stillwater**

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Marble Community Water System

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed

## **Bi-Annual Aqua NC ORC Exceedance Spreadsheet**

Motion: To approve Aqua presentation of exceedance spreadsheet

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

## **C) Temporary Certificate Request – Section .0404**

None

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

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Certification Sought</u></b>	<b><u>State of Origin</u></b>
William Leonard	Well	VA, CA
Joshua Shorter	Distribution	AZ
Joshua D Kosakowski	Surface	VT
David R Fournier	Surface	PA, NJ, DE
Aaron Martinez	Surface	CA

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Aaron Martinez	Distribution	CA
Joshua Douglas Lee	Surface	SC

## **William Leonard**

Motion: Recommend B-Well certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Thomas Hedrick  
Second: Rani Holland  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **Joshua Shorter**

Motion: Recommend A-Distribution certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Rani Holland  
Second: Rebecca Sadosky  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **Joshua D Kosakowski**

Motion: Recommend A-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Harold Grier  
Second: Thomas Hedrick  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **David R Fournier**

Motion: Recommend A-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
Second: Thomas Hedrick  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **Aaron Martinez**

Motion: Recommend C-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Thomas Hedrick  
Second: Rani Holland  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **Aaron Martinez**

First Motion: Recommend C-Distribution certifications be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky  
Second: Harold Grier  
Motion passed unopposed.

## **Joshua Douglas Lee**

Motion: Recommend C-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.  
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington  
Second: Rebecca Sadosky  
Motion passed unopposed.

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E) **Military Training and Experience Request**

None

F) **Other Request**

None

G) **Classified Water Treatment Facilities – Section .0205**

**New Systems**

**Honeycutt Reserve**

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

**Whitewater Ridge**

Motion: tabled until next meeting pending verification if Cross Connection is added

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

**Cherrywood Trails**

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

**Valle Crucis Elementary School**

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

**Zachary's Gap Association**

Motion: Approve facility to D-Well

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

**Erwin Road Montessori School**

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

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## **Change Systems**

### **Lipscomb Landing S/D**

Motion: Approve change to add C-Distribution

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Harold Grier

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Town of Maysville**

Motion: Approve change from C-Well to B-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Riverbend Estates**

Motion: Approve change to remove C-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Mountain Air**

Motion: tabled until next meeting pending verification if Cross Connection is added

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Mulberry Fairplains Water Association**

Motion: Approve change from A-Distribution to B-Distribution

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Town of Troutman**

Motion: Approve change from B-Distribution to A-Distribution

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

### **Northern Nash Water District**

Motion: Approve change to add C-Well

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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H) Rules  
None

I) Education  
Review of paper exam results October 30<sup>th</sup>

## Proctors For Paper Exams – February 26, 2026

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

J) Other  
None

Opportunity for comments from attending public  
None

## Announcements and general discussion

The next meeting of the NCWTFOCB is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17, 2026 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 passed unopposed.