

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

December 12, 2023

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:17 AM on December 12, 2023 by Sam Call, Chairman.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Rani Holland	Sam Call	Jon Pons
Orlando Coronell	Rebecca Sadosky	La'Meshia Whittington

The following guests were present at the meeting:

Heather Cagle	Christine Ricci	Stephen Denning	Cheri Proctor	Rob Krueger
Alaina Strater	Alan Parker	Chris Brown	Elly Young	Joe Pearce
Alan Oldham	Jeff Talbott			

Sam Call read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day's agenda items. Rani Holland recused herself from the discussion regarding Christopher Hammonds. Rebecca Sadosky recused herself from the discussion regarding Donald Price.

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Jon Pons made a motion to accept the minutes. La'Meshia Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Call asked if there were any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

The next item of business was certification reinstatement requests.

The board received a letter from Melissa Borchardt requesting to be reinstated for her C-Distribution certification. Ms. Borchardt's C-Distribution certification expired in 2019. Staff recommended that Ms. Gouge be allowed to obtain her certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam. Motion made by Orlando Coronell and Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Charles Bass requesting to be reinstated for his C-Distribution certification. Mr. Bass' C-Distribution certification expired in 2019. Staff recommended that Mr. Bass be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam. Motion made by Rebecca Sadosky and Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Austin Price requesting to be reinstated for his C-Distribution certification. Mr. Price's C-Distribution certification expired in 2021. Staff recommended that Mr. Ross be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam. Motion made by Jon Pons and Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was ORC exception requests.

The board received a letter from Roy Lowder requesting to be the A-Distribution ORC for Columbus County Water District II, II and V. Jon Pons made a motion that Mr. Lowder be allowed to serve as the temporary ORC for the requested systems upon receiving information of Mr. Nobles signing up for the A-Distribution exam by next board meeting. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Chris Hare requesting to be ORC operator for the following systems:

Kingston Manor	4092133	C-Well	Wake County
Jackson Manor	4092146	C-Well	Wake County
Camberly	4092151	C-Well	Wake County
Bailey's @ Glenmore	4092160	C-Well	Wake County

Rebecca Sadosky made a motion that Mr. Hare be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. La'Meisha Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Alex Bass requesting to be ORC operator for the following systems:

Prescott	4092172	C-Well	Wake County
Mendonhall	4092174	C-Well	Wake County
Meadow Lake	4035018	C-Well	Wake County
Bailey Farms	4035019	C-Well	Wake County

Rebecca Sadosky made a motion that Mr. Bass be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Donald Price requesting to be ORC operator of the following systems:

W&W – Afro Steel LLC – Colfax Facility	0241473	D Distribution	Guilford County
W & W Afco Steel LLC – Nashville Facility	0464443	D-Distribution	Wake County

Jon Pons made a motion that Mr. Price be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Christopher Hammonds requesting to be A-Surface ORC for the Town of Mooresville WTP #2. Rebecca Sadosky made a motion that Mr. Hammonds be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested system. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next request was the annual business plan review for Aqua N.C. Rob Krueger from Aqua N.C. was in attendance to answer any questions from the Certification Board. Rebecca Sadosky made the motion to approve the Aqua N.C. business model as presented for another year. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was temporary certification requests.

There were none.

The next item of business was out-of-state requests.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Shane Robert Mathis requesting a cross connection certification. Based on his certification experience in the state of Oregon, Rebecca Sadosky made the motion to deny Mr. Mathis request be issued reciprocity for Cross Connection certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Tony Ray Harrelson for a surface certification. Based on his certification experience in the state of South Carolina, Rebecca Sadosky recommends Mr. Harrelson be issued reciprocity for a C-Surface certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Alexander M Poehner requesting a well certification. Based on his Texas certification and experience, Jon Pons recommended that Mr. Poehner be issued reciprocity for a D-Well certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Andrew Taylor Matthias requesting well certification. Based on his South Carolina certification and experience, Rebecca Sadosky recommends Mr. Matthias be issued reciprocity for a C-Well certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Stephen Cole Kelley requesting well, surface and distribution certifications. Based on his Louisiana certification and experience, Rebecca Sadosky recommends that his request be tabled pending more information for discussion in our next scheduled meeting in March. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Harry Eugene Hull requesting a distribution certification. Based on his Virginia certification and experience, Rebecca Sadosky recommends that Mr. Hull be issued reciprocity for B-Distribution certification. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Simon Hood requesting surface and distribution certification. Based on his California certification and experience. La'Meshia Whittington recommends that Mr. Hood be issued reciprocity for C-Surface and C-Distribution certifications. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was military training and experience requests.

There were none.

The next item of business was other requests.

There were none.

The next item of business was classification of water treatment facilities.

The following changed system classifications were submitted by the Wilmington regional office for the board's approval:

- Columbus Co Water Districts II, III, V – C Well, B Distribution – changed to A Distribution

Rebecca Sadosky made a motion to approve the request to classify the systems as presented on the system ratings form. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was Board Issues – Rules

There were no items.

The next item of business was education.

There were no items.

The board reviewed the results from the October 26th, 2023 exams. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the February 29th, 2024 exams. Jon Pons and Sam Call volunteered to proctor the Hickory site. Rebecca Sadosky volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site.

The next item of business was other.

Sam Call opened the floor for nominations of new officers for the board. Jon Pons nominated Sam Call to serve as chairman for the remainder of his term of June, 2024. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the nomination. The motion passed. Sam Call nominated Jon Pons to serve as first vice chair. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed. La'Meshia Whittington nominated Rani Holland to serve as second vice chair. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Call opened the floor for Jeff Talbott, supervisor of Operator Certification Program, to speak on changing aspects of this renewal season on the distribution of annual wallet cards for drinking water operators. The issue is whether to keep printing every wallet card for every operator every year for cost effectiveness purposes as well as how to keep wallet cards up-to-date and relevant without printing them every year. It was directed that the wallet card distribution be paused at the beginning of this renewal cycle upon meeting with the Board. After much discussion, Jon Pons motioned to continue as

is with the wallet cards being mailed out for this cycle and this discussion be revisited throughout 2024 before the next renewal cycle. La'Meshia Whittington seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Talbott discussed reimbursements of travel for board members to receive stipends for attending meetings; and will reach out to all members to collect information needed. Jeff also shared the changing of exam sites for the Raleigh McKimmon Center and the Hickory Metro Center locations due to rental fee increases for these venues. Facilities are being researched in which to accommodate numerous operators taking exams. Jeff will keep the Board updated as options are being reviewed.

Sam Call mentioned the dates of the Certification Board meeting dates for 2024 would be March 19th, June 18th, September 17th and December 10th.

Sam Call asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rani Hollard made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jones-Brown

Chris Jones-Brown, Acting Board Secretary