

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**December 13, 2022**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:03 AM on December 13, 2022 by Sam Call, Chairman.

The following members and guests were present at the meeting:

Jon Pons	Ann Wall	Rani Holland	Sam Call
Orlando Coronell			

Guests present at the meeting:

Stephen Denning	Jeff Talbott	Jay Frick	Sarah Zambon
Alaina Strater	Rob Krueger	Mike Richardson	William Worters
Travis Clarke	Cheri Proctor	Erin Carpenter	Kaleena Beeks
Carla Meadows			

Sam Call asked the board members, legal counsel, and office staff to introduce themselves to the audience and to each other.

Sam Call read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day’s agenda items. There were no mentioned conflicts.

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Sam Call mentioned that Jon Pon’s name was listed as asking for any comments from the attending public, but Mr. Call was actually the one who asked for any comments. Mr. Call then called for a motion to accept the minutes with the proposed changes. Jon Pons made a motion to change the mentioned reference of “Jon Pons” to “Sam Call” and thereafter accept the minutes. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam 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 Shannon Bryne requesting that they be able to obtain their C-Distribution certification again. Shannon Bryne’s C-Distribution certification expired in 2019. Staff recommended that Shannon Bryne be allowed to obtain their certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam again. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Shannon Bryne be allowed to obtain their certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam again. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from William Worters Jr. requesting that he be able to obtain his A-Distribution certification again. Mr. Worters’ A-Distribution certification expired in 2017. Staff recommended that Mr. Worters be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees, retaking the A-Distribution school and passing the A-Distribution exam again. Ann Wall made the motion to approve the staff’s recommendation. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Matthew Ledbetter requesting that he be able to obtain his Cross-Connection certification again. Mr. Ledbetter’s Cross-Connection certification expired in 2017. Staff recommended that Mr. Ledbetter be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees, retaking the Cross-Connection school and passing the Cross-Connection exam again. Rani Holland made the motion to approve the staff’s recommendation. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from George Molt requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution and Cross-Connection certifications again. Mr. Molt's certifications both expired in 2020. Staff recommended that Mr. Molt be allowed to obtain his C-Distribution certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Distribution exam again. Staff recommended that Mr. Molt be allowed to obtain his Cross-Connection certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the Cross-Connection exam again. Ann Wall made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Travis Clarke requesting that he be able to have his revoked C-Well certification reinstated. Jon Pons made a motion that Mr. Clarke be allowed to obtain his C-Well certification again after passing the C-Well exam again. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was ORC exception requests.**

The board received a letter from Paul Isenhour of Water Quality Lab & Operations requesting that three of their operators be allowed to exceed the .0701 ORC limitations. The operators were Paul Isenhour, Harold Shell and Jeremy Johnson. Stephen Denning of the board staff reported that the spreadsheet required to be submitted with the request was not corrected and finalized as requested and that the regional offices have not had a chance to review a corrected document. Mr. Denning recommended that the request be tabled until the next meeting when the full and corrected spreadsheet could be submitted. Orlando made the motion to table the request until the next meeting. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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. Rani Holland made the motion to approve the Aqua N.C. business model as presented for another year. Jon Pons 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 Brian Gravely requesting well, surface, and distribution certifications. Based on his South Carolina certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Mr. Gravely be issued an A-Distribution, an A-Surface and an A-Well certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Gravely be issued an A-Distribution, an A-Surface and an A-Well certification. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Cheyenne Jackson requesting a well certification. Based on her South Carolina certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Ms. Jackson be issued a C-Well certification. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Ms. Jackson be issued a C-Well certification. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Jack Kates Jr. requesting a distribution certification. Based on his South Carolina certification(s), Sam Call recommended that Mr. Kates be issued a B-Distribution certification. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Kates be issued a B-Distribution certification. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Kenneth King requesting a distribution certification. Based on his South Carolina certification(s), Sam Call recommended that Mr. King be issued a B-Distribution certification. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Mr. King be issued a B-Distribution certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Maverick Olaes requesting well and surface certifications. Based on his Georgia certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Mr. Olaes be issued a C-Well and C-Surface certification. Ann

Wall made the motion that Mr. Olaes be issued a C-Well and C-Surface certification. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Adam Feffer requesting well, surface, distribution, and cross-connection certifications. Based on his California certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Mr. Feffer be issued a C-Distribution, a C-Surface, a C-Well, and a Cross-Connection certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Feffer be issued a C-Distribution, a C-Surface, a C-Well, and a Cross-Connection certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Robert Smallwood requesting well, surface, and distribution certifications. Based on his Georgia certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Mr. Smallwood be issued an A-Distribution, an A-Surface and an A-Well certification. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Smallwood be issued an A-Distribution, an A-Surface and an A-Well certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Corbin King requesting a surface certification. Based on his Virginia certification(s) Sam Call recommended that Mr. King be issued an A-Surface certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. King be issued an A-Surface certification. Rani Holland 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 new system classifications were submitted by the Asheville regional office for the board's approval:

- Happ's Place – D-Well, D-Distribution (<100 connections)

Jon Pons made a motion to classify the system as presented on the form. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item on the agenda was Board Issues - Compliance.**

There were no items.

**The next item on the agenda was Board Issues – Rules**

There were no items.

**The next item of business was education.**

The board reviewed the results from the October 27th exams. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the February 23, 2023 exams. Jon Pons, Rani Holland and Sam Call volunteered to proctor the Hickory site. Orlando Coronell volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. Ann Wall volunteered to proctor the Williamston site.

**The next item of business was other.**

Sam Call opened the floor for nominations of new officers for the board. Rani Holland nominated Sam Call to serve as chairman. Ann Wall seconded the nomination. The motion passed. Ann Wall nominated Jon Pons to serve as first vice chair. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sam Call nominated Ann Wall to serve as second vice chair. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Sam Call asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. There was neither.

Sam Call stated the next meeting date would be March 21st, 2023. Stephen Denning stated that the rest of the Certification Board meeting dates for 2023 would be June 20, September 19, and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sam Call asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Pons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen Denning*

Stephen Denning, Acting Board Secretary