

North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board

Meeting Summary – March 18, 2025

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Jonathan Pons
Rani Holland
Orlando Coronell
La'Meshia Whittington
Mary Tiger
Matthew Zapp
Thomas Hedrick

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Cheri Proctor, NCRWA
Christine Ricci
Emily Young, NCDOJ

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 December 10, 2024

Approved with correction - minutes summary

Motion by: Mary Tiger

Second: Rani Holland

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>
Ricky D Reynolds	C-Well	2023

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Stewart D Hardy, Jr.	C-Distribution	2022
Daniel M Baumgardner, Jr.	C-Well	2017
Kendrick Toomer	C-Distribution	2023
Joshua Strum	C-Distribution	2023
James L Kenan	C-Distribution	2007
Joshua Ayotte	B-Distribution	2023
Daniel Bell	A-Surface	2019

Ricky D. Reynolds

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

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Stewart D. Hardy, Jr.

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

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.

Daniel M. Baumgardner, Jr.

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

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Tom Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Kendrick Toomer

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

Motion by Mary Tiger

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Joshua Strum

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

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

James L. Kenan

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

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Matt Zapp

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Motion passed unopposed.

Joshua Ayotte

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

Motion by Mary Tiger

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Joshua Strum

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

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Tom Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

B) Operator in Responsible Charge Requests-Section .0701

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>ORC Request</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Julius Patrick	C-Well	Town of Jamesville
Christopher H Smith	C-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Murfreesboro
Kyle Pocquette	A-Distribution	Town of Franklin
Gary Cook	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	City of Marion
Anthony Montero	C-Well and C-Distribution	Rock Creek MH Village
Clinton Hinson	Cross Connection	Multiple systems
Sherry Lanier	C-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Elizabethtown
Joseph Troy Holloman	C-Well and B-Distribution	Town of Severn
Jason Barker	B-Well and A-Distribution	Town of Maysville
Crystal Hutchens	C-Well and C-Distribution	Carolina Village
Lamar Williams	B-Well and B-Distribution	Whitter Sanitary District
Gary "Danny" Sloan	Cross Connection	Town of Mooresville
Michael Bradley	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	Lincoln County
Sara Moore	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	West Iredell Water

Julius Patrick

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with Town of Jamesville

Motion by Rani Holland

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Second: Mary Tiger and LaMeshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Christopher H Smith

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Town of Murfreesboro
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

Kyle Pocquette

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution ORC with Town of Franklin
Motion by Matt Zapp
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

Gary Cook

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution and Cross Connection ORC with City of Marion
Motion by Mary Tiger
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Anthony Montero

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and C-Distribution ORC with Rock Creek MH Village
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: Tom Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

Clinton Hinson

Motion: To approve operator to be temporary ORC with multiple systems until next board meeting requesting more information be provided regarding violations and status of other employees who are looking to obtain certification(s).
Motion by Jonathan Pons
Second: Mary Tiger
Motion passed unopposed.

Sherry Lanier

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Town of Elizabethtown
Motion by Mary Zapp
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Joseph Troy Holloman

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Town of Severn
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington
Second: Orlando Coronell
Motion passed unopposed.

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Jason Barker

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

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Crystal Hutchens

Motion: Approve operator as temporary ORC until next meeting requesting additional information be provided regarding residence and long-term staffing plan for facility.

Motion by Mary Tiger

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Lamar Williams

Motion: Requesting to be B-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Whitter Sanitary District

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Gary Sloan

Motion: Approve operator to be temporary ORC for 12 months.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Tom Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Michael Bradley

Motion: Approved operator temporary ORC until next board meeting requesting summary of the organizational structure to verify adequate support personnel for this facility.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Sara Moore

Motion: Requesting to be A-Distribution and Cross Connection ORC with West Iredell Water Company

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Rani Holland

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>
Mary Patricia Roland	Well, Surface & Distribution	PA
Josiah Daniel Vincent	Well & Distribution	MI
Richard Keith Newberg	Well & Surface	FL
William John Sielski	Well & Surface	NY
Georgine Ann Grissop	Surface	MA

Mary Patricia Roland

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

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.

Josiah Daniel Vincent

Motion: Recommend C-Well and C-Distribution certifications be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Tom Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Richard Keith Newberg

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

Motion by Mary Tiger

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

William John Sieski

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

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Georgine Ann Grissop

Motion: Recommend A-Surface certification be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

E) Military Training and Experience Request

None.

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F) **Other Request**

None.

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

New Systems

Village Woods Subdivision

Motion: Approve facility to D-Well

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

White Oaks Shore #2

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Shawn Landing

Motion: Approve facility to B-Distribution

Motion by Matt Zapp

Second: Tom Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Woodson Branch Nature School

Motion: Approve facility to D-Distribution

Motion by Tom Hedrick

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Gardner Farms S/D

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

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Change Systems

Town of Franklin

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

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Sampson Co. District II

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

Motion by Orlando Coronell

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Second: Tom Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

Town of Pilot Mountain

Motion: Approve change to remove Cross Connection
Motion by Tom Hedrick
Second: Mary Tiger
Motion passed unopposed.

Blue Ridge Water Association

Motion: Approve change from B-Distribution to A-Distribution
Motion by Mary Tiger
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

H) Rules

Jeff Talbott recommended the formation of a sub-committee to explore possible changes to 18D rules.

I) Education

Stephen Kelley – (Roger Kelley, Water and Wastewater Trainer LLC), certification school provider - tabled item from December, 2024 meeting

Motion: Due to a lack of evidence by the applicant, related to practical experience (i.e. field experience) and only one licensed instructor to teach eleven certifications in the state of North Carolina, Mr. Kelley's request to start a school in North Carolina was denied.

Motion by Mat Zapp
Seconded: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

Review of paper exams results on February 27th

Proctors For Paper Exams – May 29, 2025

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

J) Other

N/A

Opportunity for comments from attending public

Announcements and general discussion

The next meeting of the NCWTFOCB is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 10:00AM** at the Archdale Ground Floor Hearing Room located at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.

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Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn today's meeting.

Motion by Mary Tiger

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.