

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

**March 26, 2024**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:04 A.M. on March 26, 2024 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:

Stephen Denning	Sonya McLamb	Jeff Talbott	Erin Jones	Moros Halas
Alaina Strater	Gilbert Garrett	John Turner	Phillip Reynolds	Cheri Proctor
Chris Brown				

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. 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 Thomas Rawls requesting to be reinstated for his C-Surface certification. Mr. Rawls C-Surface certification expired in 2022. Staff recommended that Mr. Rawls be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the C-Surface exam. Motion made by Jon Pons and Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Larry Waddell requesting to be reinstated for his C-Distribution certification. Mr. Waddell' C-Distribution certification expired in 2020. Staff recommended that Mr. Waddell 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 next item of business was ORC exception requests.**

The board received a letter from Harold Nobles requesting Roy Lowder to be the A-Distribution ORC for Columbus County Water District II, II and V. This was tabled from our December meeting in order for us to get more information. Upon research, we spoke with his supervisor and Mr. Nobles was performing plant operations from August to December of 2023 prior to submitting exceedance form. He is set to sign up for the May 2024 exam, although he has not done so yet. Mr. Nobles will be taking over as ORC once he has his distribution license. After more discussion, Rebecca Sadosky 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. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Curtis Meyers requesting to be B-Well ORC operator for the Iredell Water Corporation.

Jon Pons made a motion that Mr. Meyers be allowed to serve as the A-Well ORC for the requested systems. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Earl Green requesting to be A-Surface ORC operator for the City of Greensboro Water Treatment Plant. Because his letter of explanation was not included in the discussion, Rebecca Sadosky made a motion to table this matter for additional information during the next meeting. Rani Holland 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 reciprocity requests.**

The Board received an out-of-state application from Stephen Cole Kelley requesting a well, surface and distribution certification. This was tabled from our December meeting in order for us to get more information. Based on his certification experience in the state of Louisiana, Jon Pons recommends Mr. Kelley be issued reciprocity for A-Well, A-Surface and A-Distribution certifications. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Randy Joe Rivers for a cross connection certification. Based on his work experience in the state of South Carolina, Rebecca Sadosky issued the motion to deny Mr. Rivers request be issued reciprocity for Cross Connection certification. La'Meshia Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Michelle Faith Gatti requesting a surface certification. Discussion went forth based on her Georgia certification and experience. Sam Call declared motion failed on this request due to no motion offer from board members; this item will be deferred to the next meeting requesting staff to get more information.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Kyle Reed Trail requesting surface certification. Based on his South Carolina education and experience, Jon Pons recommends Mr. Trail be issued reciprocity for a B-Surface certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Kyle Steven Disien requesting surface certification. Based on his Arizona education and experience, Jon Pons recommends Mr. Disien be issued reciprocity for a B-Surface certification. Rani Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Moros Halas requesting a surface certification. Based on his New Jersey certification and experience, La'Meshia Whittington recommends that Mr. Halas be issued reciprocity for 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:

- Lake James State Park-Visitor Center, D-Well

Jon Pons made a motion to approve the request to classify the systems as presented on the form. La'Meshia

Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

- Costa Farms – C Well

Information on this was incomplete, no signature on classification request. Sam Call a motion to table item until next meeting to get a completed form to have for our records. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following changed system classifications were submitted by the Winston Salem, Fayetteville, Raleigh and Washington regional offices for the board's approval:

- City of Archdale – changed from B Distribution to A Distribution
- Stoney Park W S – C Well, C Distribution – removing Cross Connection
- Neuse Colony S/D Section B – C Well – change to D Distribution
- Gates County Water System – C Well, A Distribution – adding Cross Connection

La'Meisha Whittington made a motion to approve the request to classify the systems as presented on the system ratings form. Rani Holland 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 February 29, 2024 exams. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the May 30, 2024 exams. Jon Pons and Rani Holland volunteered to proctor the Hickory site. La'Meshia Whittington volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. Jeff Talbott is at the Williamston Location and typically have two to three proctors, it's a smaller site.

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

There were no items.

Sam Call asked for any comments from the attending public. Jeff Talbott mentioned he sent board members a request from HR asking for sensitive information (social security numbers, addresses, etc.) in order to receive board stipends and reimbursement for gas mileage for those driving their vehicles to the Raleigh location for any reason.

Sam Call asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Pons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. La'Meshia Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Jones-Brown*

Chris Jones-Brown, Board Secretary