

North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board

Meeting Summary – June 16, 2026

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chris Brown, DWR
Alaina Strater, DWR
Stephen Denning, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR

GUESTS

Elly Young, NCDOJ
Scott Conklin, NCDOJ
Brenda Menard, NCDOJ
Jeff Baker
John Kirby, Attorney
Lorrie Stagner, AQUA
Brett Milliron, AQUA
Christine Ricci, NCWOA
Sonja Whittington
Eli Haines Eitzen
Rachel Gold
Isaiah Allen

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order – Rani Holland, Chairman

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:

"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 March 17, 2026

Approved with no corrections
Motion by: Thomas Hedrick
Second: Matt Zapp
Motion passed unopposed.

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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>
Joshua Arnold	C-Surface	2022
Jason Boyd	B-Distribution & C-Well	2024
Brandon Burdette	C-Well	2022
Charles Saxon	C-Distribution	2019

Joshua Arnold

Motion: Pay two years back fees and pass C-Surface exam again

Motion by La'Meisha Whittington

Second: Rebecca Sadosky

Motion passed unopposed.

Jason Boyd

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

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Jason Boyd

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

Motion by Rebecca Thomas

Second: Harold Grier

Motion passed unopposed.

Brandon Burdette

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

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meisha Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Charles Saxon

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

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

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>
Teresa Harris	B-Distribution and Cross Connection	Town of Warrenton
Jeffrey Jones	B-Distribution and C-Well	Town of Boonville
James Pridgen	C-Distribution and C-Well	Town of Winton
Jeremy King	B-Distribution and Cross Connection	Southern Wayne Sanitary District
Matthew Langley	A-Distribution and Cross Connection	City of Goldsboro
Anthony Scott Pyrtle	B-Distribution and Cross Connection	City of Randleman
Harold Shell	C-Distribution and C-Well	Town of Elk Park
Carrie Stewart	B-Distribution and B-Surface	Town of Fontana Dam

Teresa Harris

Motion: Move to approve request for B-Distribution and Cross Connection exceedance with Town of Warrenton.

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Jeffrey Jones

Motion: Move to table to next meeting - information on exceedance form was missing: reduced frequency line not filled out.

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

James Pridgen

Motion: Move to approve request for C-Distribution and C-Well exceedance with Town of Winton

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

Jeremy King

Motion: Move to table to next meeting; information on the exceedance form was missing: types of treatment, reduced frequency, remote monitoring and compliance history lines were not filled out.

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

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Second: Thomas Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

Matthew Langley

Motion: Move to approve request for A-Distribution and Cross Connection exceedance with City of Goldsboro

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Harold Grier

Motion passed unopposed.

Anthony Scott Pyrtle

Motion: Move to approve request for B-Distribution and Cross Connection exceedance with City of Randleman

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Niroj Aryal

Motion passed unopposed.

Harold Shell

Motion: Move to approve request for C-Distribution and C-Well exceedance with Town of Elk Park

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Matt Zapp

Motion passed unopposed.

Carrie Stewart

Motion: Move to approve request B-Distribution and B-Surface exceedance with Town of Fontana Dam

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Bi-Annual Aqua NC ORC Exceedance Review

Presentation of Exceedance Request and Review by Brent Milliron and Lorrie Stagner

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rebecca Sadosky

Motion passed unopposed.

C) Temporary Certificate Request – Section .0404

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Request</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Charles Nelson	C Surface	City of Bessemer City
Nicholas Kinney	B-Distribution	Town of Newport
Nicholas Kinney	Cross Connection	Town of Newport

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Charlie Nelson

Motion: Move to table requesting more information on his training and the apprenticeship program. Does not show any certification or formal training as far as classes on Surface certification.

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

Nicholas Kinney

Motion: Move to table requesting verification of this temporary request to be ORC for facility

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rebecca Sadosky

Motion passed unopposed.

Nicholas Kinney

Motion: Move to table requesting verification of this temporary request to be ORC for facility

Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>
Richard Clayton Skaggs	Distribution	FL
Nathaniel Scott Henley	Well	VA
Nathaniel Scott Henley	Distribution	VA
Nathaniel Scott Henley	Surface	VA

Richard Clayton Skaggs

Motion: Recommend B-Distribution certification be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Rebecca Sadosky

Motion passed unopposed.

Nathaniel Scott Henley

Motion: Recommend C-Well certification be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by Thomas Hedrick

Second: Rebecca Sadosky

Motion passed unopposed.

Nathaniel Scott Henley

Motion: Recommend B-Distribution certification be issued for reciprocity.

Motion by Thomas Hedrick

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Second: Rebecca Sadosky
Motion passed unopposed.

Nathaniel Scott Henley

Motion: Recommend B-Surface certification be issued for reciprocity.
Motion by Thomas Hedrick
Second: Matt Zapp
Motion passed unopposed.

E) Military Training and Experience Request

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>Military Branch</u>
Zackery Sobin	Distribution	Navy

Zackery Sobin

First Motion: Recommend allowing to sit for C-Distribution exam.
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

F) Other Request

None

G) Classified Water Treatment Facilities – Section .0205

New Systems

Clover Garden High School

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

The Bluffs of Blowing Rock

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well, B-Distribution
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Thomas Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

Autocamp Asheville

Motion: Approve facility to D-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Matt Zapp
Motion passed unopposed.

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Carriage Cove S/D

Motion: Approve facility to C-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Laurel Bush Campground

Motion: Approve facility to D-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Harold Grier
Motion passed unopposed.

Change Systems

Iredell Water Corporation (tabled)

Motion: Approve change from B-Distribution to A-Distribution
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Niroj Aryal
Motion passed unopposed.

South Camdem

Motion: Approve change from B-Distribution to A-Distribution
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Thomas Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

Mountain Top Golf & Lake Club

Motion: Approve change to add C-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Matt Zapp
Motion passed unopposed.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School

Motion: Approve change from D-Well to C-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Farmer Elementary School

Motion: Approve change from D-Well to C-Well
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Thomas Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

DOT-Cedar Island Ferry Term

Motion: Approve change from NTNC to TNC
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky

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Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Town of Elm City

Motion: Approve change to remove Cross Connection
Motion by Rebecca Sadosky
Second: Thomas Hedrick
Motion passed unopposed.

H) Rules

None

I) Education

Review of paper exam results May 28th paper exams

Proctors For Paper Exams – August 27, 2026

- **Williamston-** Jeff Talbott (staff)
- **Raleigh** – Thomas Hedrick, Rebecca Sadosky, Chris Brown (staff)
- **Hickory** – Stephen Denning (staff)

J) Other – WTFOCB Hearing Follow-Up – Discussion and Determination

Acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, the Board considered a challenge from Mr. Jeffrey Baker requesting that he be awarded A-level certifications for well and distribution. The Board had previously granted Mr. Baker B-level certifications via reciprocity and, pursuant to the process set forth in Article 3A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, referred Mr. Baker's challenge to the Office of Administrative Hearings for an evidentiary hearing with Senior Administrative Law Judge John Evans presiding in case 25 WTO 01952. Mr. Baker's attorney, John Kirby, presented on behalf of Mr. Baker. Assistant Attorney General Scott Conklin with the North Carolina Attorney General's Office presented on behalf of the Respondent Board representing the Board's initial decision. In the open meeting, the Board reviewed the parties' arguments, the proposed decision from Judge Evans to grant Mr. Baker A-level certifications, and the Respondent's Proposed Decision maintaining B-level certifications. The Board then moved to go into closed session to review Mr. Baker's qualifications and to consult with Board counsel, Elly Young, pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3). After closed session, Rebecca Sadosky moved to adopt Respondent's Proposed Decision granting Mr. Baker B-level distribution and well certifications but requested that language be added to that proposed decision regarding public health concerns especially with regard to distribution and how the Board determines what is a comparable grade including caps on population served and how reciprocity would work from North Carolina to the original jurisdiction. Thomas Hedrick seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Opportunity for comments from attending public

None

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Announcements and general discussion

The next meeting of the NCWTFOCB is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 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 by Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.