

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

June 21, 2022

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:01 AM on June 21, 2022 by Jon Pons, First Vice-Chairman.

The following members and guests were present at the meeting:

Jon Pons	Rebecca Sadosky	Kim Greenwood	Ann Wall
Sarah Long			

Guests present at the meeting:

Stephen Denning	Jeff Talbott	Jay Frick	Sarah Zambon
Heather Cagle	Alan Oldham	Mike Richardson	Chris Florence
Cassidy Somers	Steven Johnson	Brian Grogan	Maureen Kinney

Jon Pons 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 called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ann Wall made a motion to accept the minutes and Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jon Pons asked if there were any comments from the attending public. Jay Frick and Sarah Zambon led a discussion regarding the effects of House Bill 243 on the out-of-state application for drinking water operators. This bill requires the issuance of comparable certifications, not just an exam level recommendation as before. In order to work towards this goal, Jay Frick recommended that a few action items take place in order to help this process run smoothly. More information on the application will be needed in order to give the reviewer of the application a better idea of how their certification compares to a North Carolina Certification. Updates will need to be made to the reciprocity page of the website to communicate the proper timeline for submittals. More board member involvement may be needed to facilitate the review of all the applications expected.

The next item of business was certification reinstatement requests.

The board received a letter from Tristin Walter requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution and Cross-Connection certifications again. Mr. Walter’s C-Distribution and Cross-Connection certifications expired in 2018. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Walter be allowed to sit for the C-Distribution exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees towards that certification and that he also be allowed to sit for the Cross-Connection exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees towards that certification. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was ORC exception requests.

The board received a letter from Dale Boyette requesting to be the ORC for the following systems:

Town of Saratoga	0498040	C-Well	Wilson Co.
JCH MHP	0392195	C-Well	Wake Co.
S.T. Wooten Corporation	0498401	D-Distribution	Wilson Co.
Boyette Farms	0498581	C-Well	Wilson Co.
Green Pines Park	0392223	D-Distribution	Wake Co.
Mobile Hill Estate No 3	0392303	C-Well	Wake Co.

Kim Greenwood made a motion that Mr. Boyette be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. Ann

Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from David Jones requesting to be the ORC for the following systems:

Town of Ayden	0474025	C-Well	Pitt Co.
Town of Ayden	0474025	B-Distribution	Pitt Co.
Homestead MHP #2	0474110	C-Well	Pitt Co.

Sarah Long made a motion that Mr. Jones be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next agenda item was for the board to review revisions made to Aqua NC's bi-annual spreadsheet. Amanda Berger was not in attendance, but communicated to staff that she was available to answer any questions that may arise. There were no questions or comments.

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 Robert Pepper requesting a distribution certification. Mr. Pepper holds a class A Water Operator license in Texas and has 12 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Pepper be issued an A-Distribution certification. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Pepper be issued an A-Distribution certification. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Christine Florence requesting a well and a surface certification. Ms. Florence holds DW Treatment IVA license in Kentucky and has 14 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Ms. Florence be issued an A-Well and an A-Surface certification. Ann Wall made the motion that Ms. Florence be issued an A-Well and an A-Surface certification. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Tammie Carter requesting a well certification. Ms. Carter holds a class D Water Treatment Operator License in South Carolina and has 6 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Ms. Carter be issued a C-well certification. Kim Greenwood made the motion that Ms. Carter be issued a C-Well certification. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Robert Thompson Jr. requesting a well and a distribution certification. Mr. Thompson holds Distribution Grade 1 and Groundwater Grade 1 in Wisconsin and has 4 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Thompson be issued a C-Well and a C-Distribution certification. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Thompson be issued a C-Well and a C-Distribution certification. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Michael Pizzi requesting a surface certification. Mr. Pizzi holds a class C Drinking Water Treatment Operator license in Florida and has 2 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Pizzi be issued a C-Surface certification. Kim Greenwood made the motion that Mr. Pizzi be issued a C-Surface certification. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a repeat out-of-state application from Steven Johnson requesting a surface certification. Mr. Johnson was approved to sit for the A-Surface exam at the March 2022 meeting. Based on the amendment to House Bill 243, Mr. Johnson would like the Board to reevaluate his request and allow him to receive his surface license without sitting for the exam. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Johnson be issued an A-Surface certification. Kim Greenwood seconded the

motion. The motion passed

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

The Board received a military reciprocity application from Jordan Odle requesting to take a C-Surface exam. After reviewing his information and experience, Sam Call recommended that Mr. Odle be allowed to take the C-Surface exam. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Odle be allowed to take the C-Surface exam within one year. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a military reciprocity application from Daniel Choice Jr requesting to take a B-Distribution, A-Well, and an A-Surface exam. After reviewing his information and experience, Sam Call recommended that Mr. Choice be allowed to take the B-Distribution, B-Well, and C-Surface exams. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Choice be allowed to take the B-Distribution, B-Well, and C-Surface exams within two years of the initial approval. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 various regional offices for the board's approval:

- Bloomfield Subdivision – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)

Sarah Long made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

- Caswell Co. Hwy 29 – D-Distribution with supplemental treatment changing to B-Distribution with supplemental treatment
- Caswell Co. Hwy 86 – D-Distribution changing to B-Distribution

Rebecca Sadosky made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Kim Greenwood 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 May 26th exams. Rebecca Sadosky commented on the fact that the C-Surface results were unusually low and stated that it might be beneficial to see the correlation between which school the operator attended and the pass rates of those operators.

Jon Pons asked for volunteers to proctor the August 25th and August 26th, 2022 exams. Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Hickory site. Rebecca Sadosky tentatively agreed to proctor the Raleigh site, but stated she needed to check her schedule to make sure there were no conflicts. There were no volunteers to proctor the Williamston site.

The next item of business was other.

Stephen Denning brought forward concerns about examinees using hooded shirts and listening devices during the

exams. He requested that a potential need for a policy concerning these be considered. Various members of the board listed ear buds, smart watches, and phones as electronic devices that should not be available during an exam. The board asked that Stephen Denning of the staff draft a policy addressing the prohibition of these items. The policy draft will be reviewed at the next board meeting in September.

Jon Pons asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Jon Pons asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. Jon Pons announced that Sarah Long has chosen not to be reappointed for a second term on the certification board and that this will be her last meeting unless another candidate is not named before the next meeting.

Jon Pons stated the next meeting date would be September 20th, 2022.

Jon Pons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Long made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Denning".

Stephen Denning, Acting Board Secretary