

# North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

## MINUTES

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Webex

W. Corey Basinger, Chairman

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission was called to order at 10:00 AM, with Chairman W. Corey Basinger presiding. The following persons were in attendance:

#### MEMBERS

Mr. W. Corey Basinger  
Mr. Chester Lowder  
Mr. Arnold Allred  
Ms. Martie Groome  
Dr. Bob Rubin  
Mr. Jonathan Russell  
Mr. Ken Stines  
Mr. Steve Barry  
Mr. Jim Lynch

#### STAFF

Mr. Jay Frick  
Ms. Maureen Kinney  
Ms. Jenee Williamston

#### GUESTS

Ms. Marsden Crawley, NCDNJ  
Mr. Chris White  
Mr. Tony Parker  
Ms. Maria Schutte  
Mr. Ori Tuvia  
Ms. Catrice Jones  
Ms. Erin Carpenter  
Ms. Erin Gallimore

### PRELIMINARY MATTERS

#### **Call to Order – Chairman Basinger**

#### **Notice of North Carolina 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 Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission 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.*

No conflict noted.

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## Reminder of Meeting Protocols

A passcode number was provided to commission members phoning in and a role call was taken for each vote.

## Revisions or Additions to Agenda

None noted.

## Review and Approval of Minutes for November 5, 2021 Meeting & December 6, 2021 Emergency Meeting

November 2021 meeting minutes need a minor amendment.

Action Items 211102, 21105, 211106 and 211107 needs to state unanimously approved.

A motion to approve as amended was made by Commissioner Rubin. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

A motion to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Lowder. Commissioner Stines seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## ACTION ITEMS      REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF:

**#220201      A motion by Ken Stines to amend the decision rendered on November 5, 2021, approving NC Statewide Safety Conference, Dennis Parnell and Becky Turner to provide CS-I and CS-II certification school, to rescind the approval granted to provide CS-II certification school from that adopted motion [Action Item #211103].**

The first Action Item today #220201, is related to the motion adopted at the November 5, 2021 meeting related to Action Item #211103 which approved NC Statewide Safety Conference's Dennis Parnell and Becky Turner to provide CS-I and CS-II certification school. Notice was given at the last meeting on December 6, 2021 that a motion will be made by Ken Stines to amend the previously adopted motion by removing the approval to conduct CS-II certification schools, and only approve NC Statewide Safety Conference's Dennis Parnell and Becky Turner to provide CS-I certification school.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Stines in accordance with the notice given at the last meeting, "I move to amend the motion adopted on November 5, 2021 by removing CS-II certification school, and to only approve NC Statewide Safety Conference's Dennis Parnell and Becky Turner to provide CS-I certification school." Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**#220202      Training Provider – Erin Gallimore, [EG Worldwide LLC](#) (WW-I Biological School)**

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Stines. Commissioner Groome seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**#220203      Resumption of Exam Reviews per 15A NCAC 08G .0505(a)**

A motion to resume was made by Commissioner Rubin. Commissioner Allred seconded the motion. The vote to resume was unanimous.

**#220204      Virtual Approval Expires 6/30/2022, to be reconsidered for final decision**

A motion to extend approval through the end of the calendar year 12/31/22 was made by Commissioner Stines. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The vote to extend approval was unanimous.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2202 – A Exam Results/Pass Rates for December 2021 (Annual Summary)**

Results are typical with historical data. Totals for past years are as follows:

2018 (2213 exams)

2019 (2549 exams)

2020 (1189 exams)

2021 (1893 exams)

8 ADA accommodation

**2202 – B Manual Update: Certification Training for Operators of AW Management Systems (Type A)**

Maureen received an email from Stephanie with an extension service regarding an AWA school manual they have been working on. Chairman Basinger has asked Vice Chair Lowder and Commissioner Lynch to review the document and will probably have an offline sub-committee meeting to determine if these manual changes are approvable. This will potentially be an action item at the May meeting. Jay Frick is working on getting Beth Buffington back on temporary basis to help.

**2202 – C 2022 Renewal Summary (2020 CE Deferment)**

Jay Frick states that very few people utilized this deferment and that although it may have been helpful for some it ultimately caused a lot of confusion. This confusion was particularly prevalent with the AW operators and their 3 year cycles.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Chairman**

None

**Vice Chairman**

None

**Commission Members**

None

**Counsel**

None

**Staff**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ground Floor Hearing (Archdale Building - Raleigh NC).

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lowder. Commissioner Stines seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.