

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2022**

**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**

**MINUTES**

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**Archdale Building, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Raleigh NC**

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**

W. Corey Basinger  
Chester Lowder  
Arnold Allred  
Martie Groome  
Marchell Adams-David  
Matt Haynes  
Bob Rubin  
Jim Lynch  
Ken Stines

**STAFF**

Jay Frick  
Maureen Kinney  
Jeffrey Talbott  
Beth Buffington  
Jenee Williamston  
Paula Chappell, Notary  
Richard Rogers, NCDEQ

**GUESTS**

Mary Crawley, NCDOJ  
Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State  
Erin Gallimore, EG Worldwide LLC  
Chris White, Wooten

**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.

**Revisions or Additions to Agenda**

None noted.

**Review and Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2022 Quarterly Meeting**

***Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lowder  
Commissioner Adams-David seconded the motion  
The vote was unanimous***

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Oath of Office Administered to Martha E. Groome

Election of Vice Chair

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rubin*  
*Commissioner Allred seconded the motion*  
*The vote was unanimous*  
*Commissioner Chester Lowder was reelected as Vice Chair.*

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**#220801 – Request for approval of Erin Gallimore to provide NC WW-II certification school**  
Commission would like for Ms. Gallimore to sit for the WW2 exam then come back to reapply.

*Motion to deny was made by Commissioner Rubin*  
*Commissioner Groome seconded the motion*  
*The vote was unanimous*

**#220802 – New Reciprocity Legislation**

Counsel goes over the new reciprocity statute again to refresh everyone on the new law.

**#220803 – Candidate 1 (Haler)**

Motion to instruct staff to follow the existing rule in NCAC08G.0410 to allow candidate to continue through the examination process until either success is achieved or 3<sup>rd</sup> failure is achieved, they are required by rule to return to training school.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Stines*  
*Commissioner (DID NOT HEAR ONE) seconded the motion*  
*The vote was unanimous*

**#220804 – Candidate 2 (Hewitt)**

Motion that candidate does not meet both prongs of statute thereby referring the requirements to the rule. In order to meet the rule, the individual must continue through the examination process until they are successful, or they return to school for the appropriate grade for which they seek reciprocity if they fail 3 times. A refund will be issued for the reciprocity fee.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Rubin*  
*Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion*  
*The vote was unanimous*

**#220805 – Candidate 3 (Bartlett)**

Motion granted that candidate meets all requirements and staff recommends the issuance of a NC grade 1 certification.

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Haynes*  
*Commissioner Adams-David seconded the motion*  
*The vote was unanimous*

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**#220805 – Reinstatement of the Collections NTK Committee**

Motion to have a small subgroup made up of Commissioners Rubin, Allred, Stines and Chairman Basinger along with members of NCRWA and NC One Water to review the document. Hope to convene before the next meeting and be prepared to take an action on approving the 2017 NTK document.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Groome***

***Commissioner Allred seconded the motion***

***The vote was unanimous***

**#220806 – Authorization to post the updated 2022 Animal Waste NTK Document**

***Motion to approve as written was made by Commissioner Lynch***

***Commissioner Lowder seconded the motion***

***The vote was unanimous***

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**#2208 - A June 2022 Exam Pass Rates**

There were 3 ADA

PC1, SI, and SS (2 fails and SS passed)

**Exam Review Attendance**

Raleigh 12%                      Salisbury 27%

Williamston 12%                Newton 38%

Kenansville 17%

**#2208 - B WW BOEE Meeting Summary**

Meeting was held on July 12, 2022. The two main topics discussed were the collections need to know documents and the concept of standardized testing to keep up with technology advancements. And to allow operators to be tested and certified on the latest technologies.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Chairman**

Announces that he will be retire 8/28/22 from Division of Water Resources and work with Division of Water Infrastructure but will continue his work as chairman.

**Vice Chairman**

Thanks everyone for working through all the cases this morning.

**Commission Members**

Dr. Rubin works with the infectious disease committee and offers to share publications on monkey poxs and covid.

Commissioner Stines states this was a very good meeting and worth the drive. Would like to have the opportunity to move the western NC testing closer to Asheville.

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**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, November 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ground Floor Hearing Room (Archdale Building - Raleigh NC).

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Adams-David*

*The motion was seconded by Stines*

*Vote was unanimous.*