Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission
NC Department of Environmental Quality

WPCSOCC Meeting Summary – May 9, 2025 [updated 9/16/2025]

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present
Marchell Adams-David
Arnold Allred
Steve Barry
Mark Brantley - Chair
Martie Groome
Matthew Haynes
Chester Lowder
Jim Lynch
Bob Rubin - Teams
Jonathan Russell - Teams

STAFF
Patrick Beggs, DWR
Ashley Coleman, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR
Phillip Reynolds, NCDOJ
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Renee Thompson, DWR
Jenee Williamson, DWR-Teams

GUESTS
Dwight Lancaster

Preliminary Matters

P1. Call to Order – Mark Brantley – Chair

P2. Notice of NC State Government Ethics Act Requirements – None noted.

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.*"

P3. Revisions or Additions to Agenda - None

P4. Review and Approval of Summary for February 14, 2025

Approve August 9, Summary.
Motion: Lynch
Second: Russell
Motion passed unopposed.

Action Items

250501 -250508: Requests for Approval of Reciprocal NC Wastewater Certifications

Applicant	Certification Sought	State of Origin	Exam Type
Candidate #1	WW/Biological 4	MD (1,2,3,4,**5)**	ABC
Candidate #2	WW/Biological 3	CA (1,2,**3**,4,5)	State
Candidate #3	WW/Biological 3	VA (4,3,**2**,1)	ABC
Candidate #4	PC1	GA (no Levels)	ABC
Candidate #5	WW/Biological 4	GA (4,3,2,**1)**	ABC
Candidate#6	CS1	GA (no levels)	ABC
Candidate #7	WW/Biological 4	VT (1,2,3,4,**5**)	ABC
Candidate #8	CS2	CO (1,**2**,3,4)	ABC

250501 – Candidate #1
Motion: Grant applicant WW4 Biological Certification.
Motion by Haynes.
Second: Adams-David
Motion passed unopposed.

250502 – Candidate #2
Motion: Grant applicant approval to sit for WW3 Biological Exam.
Motion by Haynes.
Second: Lowder
Motion passed unopposed.

250503 – Candidate #3
Motion: Grant applicant WW3 Biological Certification.
Motion by Adams-David.
Second: Lynch
Motion passed unopposed.

250504 – Candidate #4
Motion: Grant applicant approval to sit for PC1 Exam.
Motion by Lynch.
Second: Adams-David
Motion passed unopposed.

250505 – Candidate #5
Motion: Grant applicant WW4 Biological Certification.
Motion by Barry.
Second: Adams-David
Motion passed unopposed.

250506 – Candidate #6
Motion: Grant applicant CS1 Certification.
Motion by Barry.
Second: Adam-David
Motion passed unopposed.

250507 – Candidate #7
Motion: Grant applicant WW4 Biological Certification
Motion by Haynes.
Second: Barry
Motion passed unopposed.

250508 – Candidate #8
Motion: Grant applicant CS2 Certification.
Motion by Lowder
Second: Barry
Motion passed unopposed.

250509 – Create a Rule Review Committee – No Actionable Decision Made.
Discussion points included forming multiple sub-committees of 3 members each to review rules within their subject matter expertise. Sub-committees would be formed on a volunteer participation basis.

250510 – Recommendation to Approve Dwight Lancaster as a Certification School Provider
Motion: Grant approval to Dwight Lancaster to teach Collections Grades 1,2,3 and 4 Certification Schools.
Motion by Barry.
Second: Lowder
Motion passed unopposed.

250511- – Recommendation to Approve the Town of Wallace a Certification School Provider
Motion: Remove from Agenda
Motion by Brantley
Motion passed unopposed

Information Items

2505A -Reappointments to the commission this year

Reappointment packets are almost complete and ready for signature. These reappointments will be presented at the July 10 EMC meeting for approval and sworn in at the August 8th PCSOCC Meeting.

2505B – Ethics Commission Information

Mark Brantley reminded commissioners that their Ethics Commission Information was due April 15, 2025. Make sure each member submits the requested information. If a member fails to complete this process, they may receive emails stating penalty or removal from commission.

2505C – March 2025 Exam Pass Rates

Exam Pass Rates: 03/13/2025

Certification	Took	Pass	Fail	%	Historical
AWA - 01	15	13	2	87	79
AWB - 02	1	1	0	100	90
CS1 - 03	52	34	18	65	81
CS2 - 04	68	48	20	71	75
CS3 - 05	34	24	10	71	68
CS4 - 06	22	15	7	68	75
LA - 07	8	5	3	63	69
SI - 08	4	3	1	75	76
SS - 09	13	10	3	77	82
WW1 - 10	82	51	31	62	58
WW2 - 11	71	27	44	38	48
WW3 - 12	34	18	16	53	43
WW4 - 13	28	25	3	89	61
PC1 - 15	21	11	10	52	62
PC2 - 16	1	1	0	100	65

Bold text and *: Below historical average

2505D – OpCert Database Update

Met with three vendors for technology demos. Two of the three are a possibility. Three more demos coming up. Goal of desired technology is to bring Wastewater (BIMS) and Drinking Water (IBEAM) into one Certification Management System. Additional vendors will need to be vetted for the exam portion of our needs. DIT RFP is currently in the DIT approval process.

2505E – Wilbur E Young Operator of the Year Nominations

Nominee applications are due in June. Applications will be sent to the commissioners for review before August 8th meeting. A vote for recipient will take place immediately following August meeting.

Concluding remarks – None

Announcement of next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for **Friday, August 8, 2025 at 10:00AM** in the Archdale Building Ground Floor Hearing, Raleigh NC.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned by Chair
Motion passed unopposed.