

Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission

NC Department of Environmental Quality

WPCSOCC Meeting Summary – February 13, 2026

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Marchell Adams-David
Arnold Allred
Mark Brantley - Chair
Martie Groome
Matthew Haynes - Teams
Chester Lowder
Jim Lynch
Alan Moore
Robert Rubin
Jonathan Russell

STAFF

Patrick Beggs, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR
Phillip Reynolds, NCDOJ
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Renee Thompson, DWR - Teams
Jenee Williamston, DWR - Teams

GUESTS - None

MEMBERS Absent:

Steve Barry

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 – Reciprocity Candidate #14 was removed from Agenda.

P4. Review and Approval of Summary for November 7, 2025 Quarterly Meeting

Motion to approve Meeting Summary for November 7, 2025

Motion by Lowder

Second by Adams-David

Motion passed unopposed.

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Action Items

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL: Reciprocal NC Wastewater Certifications:

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>	<u>Exam Type</u>
26021301	Candidate #1	WW-2	South Carolina	ABC
26021302	Candidate #2	WW-2	Virginia	ABC
26021303	Candidate #3	WW-3	New York	ABC
26021304	Candidate #4	WW-4	New York	ABC
26021305	Candidate #5	WW-4	Colorado	ABC
26021306	Candidate #6	WW-4	South Carolina	ABC
26021307	Candidate #7	WW-4	South Carolina	ABC
26021308	Candidate #8	CS-2	Arizona	ABC
26021309	Candidate #9	CS-4	Colorado	ABC
26021310	Candidate #10	CS-4	South Carolina	ABC
26021311	Candidate #11	CS-4	South Carolina	ABC
26021312	Candidate #12	PC-2	New Jersey	ABC
26021313	Candidate #13	PC-2	South Carolina	ABC
26021314	Candidate #14	SS	Massachusetts	ABC
26021315	Candidate #15	WW-4	Massachusetts	ABC
26021316	Candidate #16	CS-4	Massachusetts	ABC

Motion: Approve **Candidates #1 - #13 and Candidate #15** for Reciprocity

Motion by Adams-David

Second by Groome

Motion passed unopposed

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Motion: Remove **Candidate #14** from agenda.

Motion by Lynch

Second by Alred

Motion passed unopposed

Motion: Grant **Candidate #16** CS-3 certification instead of requested CS-4 since candidate is an Operator in Training in current state.

Motion by Moore

Second by Lynch

Adams-David opposed motion. Motion passed with majority.

26021317 **Extend Virtual Continuing Education Class Approval to 12/31/2029**

Motion by Lynch

Second by Rubin

Motion passed unopposed

Information Items

26021321 **December 2025 Pass Rates & Overview of December 2025 Grading Issue**

Exam Date: 12/04/2025

Scores below the historical pass rate are Bolded with an Asterisk *					
Certification	Took	Pass	Fail	%	Historical
AWA - 01	40	37	3	93	79
AWB - 02	0	0	0	-	90
CS1 - 03	128	105	23	82	81
CS2 - 04	98	73	27	*74	75
CS3 - 05	60	50	10	83	68
CS4 - 06	45	33	12	*73	75
LA - 07	7	4	3	*57	68
SI - 08	12	8	4	*67	76
SS - 09	16	14	2	88	82
WW1 - 10	86	55	31	64	58
WW2 - 11	104	66	38	63	48
WW3 - 12	41	24	17	59	43
WW4 - 13	14	13	1	93	61
PC1 - 15	64	41	23	64	61
PC2 - 16	1	1	0	100	65

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26021322 Wastewater Rules Update

Staff has a meeting scheduled for next week to begin reviewing the 08G rules for grammar and website link changes.

26021323 2026 Renewal Update = 90% of operators have renewed as of Feb.1, 2026

	2026 count
LA	725
SS	839
SI	775
WW-1	1235
WW-2	923
WW-3	428
WW-4	1272
CS-1	1363
CS-2	1279
CS-3	458
CS-4	1084
PC-1	1150
PC-2	242
AWA	1789
AWB	200
Total Operators:	9889
Total Certifications:	13762

Concluding Remarks

Staff – The Wilbur E. Long Award Nomination Submission Deadline is June 1, 2026.

Announcement of the next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for **Friday, May 8, 2026, at 10:00AM** in the Archdale Building Ground Floor Hearing, Raleigh NC.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by Commission Chair, Mark Brantley. There were no objections.

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