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

WPCSOCC Meeting Summary – May 8,2026

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present
Arnold Allred
Steve Barry
Mark Brantley - Chair
Martie Groome
Jim Lynch
Alan Moore
Robert Rubin
Jonathan Russell - Teams

STAFF
Patrick Beggs, DWR
Ashely Coleman, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR
Phillip Reynolds, NCDOJ
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Renee Thompson, DWR

GUESTS - None

MEMBERS Absent:
Marchell Adams-David
Matthew Haynes
Chester Lowder

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 13,2026 Quarterly Meeting

Motion to approve Meeting Summary for February 13, 2025
Motion by Lynch
Second by Allred
Roll Call - Motion passed unopposed.

Action Items

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL: Reciprocal NC Wastewater Certifications:

	Applicant	Certification Sought	State of Origin	Exam Type
26050801	Candidate #1	WW-1	South Carolina	ABC
26050802	Candidate #2	WW-2	South Carolina	ABC
26050803	Candidate #3	WW-3	New York	ABC
26050804	Candidate #4	CS-4	South Carolina	ABC
26050805	Candidate #5	CS-4	South Carolina	ABC
26050806	Candidate #6	PC-1	Pennsylvania (WPI)	ABC
26050807	Candidate #7	PC-1	Pennsylvania (WPI)	ABC
26050808	Candidate #8	WW-4	Virginia	ABC
26050809	Candidate #9	WW-4	California	ABC

Motion: Approve **Candidates #1 - #8** for Reciprocity
Motion by Barry
Second by Allred
Roll Call - Motion passed unopposed

Motion: Grant **Candidate #9** WW-3 certification instead of requested WW-4. This operator currently holds a WW-3 certification in California which is not the highest level of certification in that state.
Motion by Rubin
Second by Barry
Roll Call – Motion passed unopposed.

Information Items

26050821 March 2026 Exam Pass Rates

Exam Date: 03/12/2026

Scores below the historical pass rate are bolded and marked with an asterisk *					
Certification	**Took**	**Pass**	**Fail**	**%**	**Historical**
AWA - 01	12	11	1	92	79
AWB - 02	2	2	0	100	90
CS1 - 03	78	66	12	85	81
CS2 - 04	47	30	17	***64**	75
CS3 - 05	23	13	10	***57**	68
CS4 - 06	14	8	6	***57**	75
LA - 07	2	1	1	***50**	68
SI - 08	8	7	1	88	76
SS - 09	16	14	2	88	82
WW1 - 10	85	38	47	***45**	58
WW2 - 11	42	19	23	***45**	48
WW3 - 12	24	7	17	***29**	43
WW4 - 13	7	4	3	***57**	61
PC1 - 15	27	13	14	***48**	61
PC2 - 16	6	4	2	67	65

26050822 Exam Grading Issues in BIMS

All March exam scores are in BIMS. We are still utilizing our IT team to help with grading issues and to make sure that all scores were uploaded into BIMS; pass/fail designations were assigned correctly; and correct/incorrect exam answers were updated in each operator's profile.

Our next step is to automate the process so that the operator certification team can operate the BIMS grading process independent of IT involvement. IT is currently working on this solution. June exam grading is expected to be back on track with the normal scanning of exams and the population of scores into BIMS.

26050823 WPCSOCC Reappointments

Commissioners Allred, Haynes and Lynch are up for reappointment.

Jeff Talbott will reach out to them individually for updated Bios and contact information to present to the EMC.

Concluding Remarks

Announcement of the next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 10:00AM** in the Archdale Building Ground Floor Hearing, Raleigh NC.

Meeting Adjourned

Stand adjourned without objection.