

North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board

Meeting Summary – December 10, 2024

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Jonathan Pons
Rani Holland
Orlando Coronell
La'Meshia Whittington
Mary Tiger
Matthew Zapp
Thomas Hedrick

STAFF

Stephen Denning, DWR
Alaina Strater, DWR
Chris Brown, DWR
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Shelby Gull, DWR

GUESTS

Bill Toole, SOS
Cheri Proctor, NCRWA
Christine Ricci
Megan Doherty
Robert Krueger, AQUA
Brent Milliron, AQUA
Nissa Pauley, President, American Backflow Prevention,
Carolina Chapter
Kathy Riley, National VP, American Backflow Prevention,
Carolina Chapter
Stephen Kelley, Roger Kelley LLC

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order – Jonathan Pons – Chair

Notice of NC 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 Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board 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.” None noted.

Oath of Office for New Board Members Mary Tiger, Thomas Hedrick, Matthew Zapp

Election of New Chairman

Motion to nominate Jonathan Pons by Rani Holland
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion carried.

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Election of New Vice Chairman

Motion to nominate Rani Holland by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Review and Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2024.

Approve June 18, 2024 minutes summary

Motion by: Rani Holland

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Action Items

Opportunity for comments from attending public

Comments from Stephen Kelley, Water and Wastewater Trainer, LLC.

A) Certification Reinstatement Requests – Section .0309

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Reinstatement Request</u>	<u>Year Certification Expired</u>
Brian K Coffey	C-Distribution	2012
Kenneth S Bartlett	C-Distribution	2018
Lynwood G Marshburn, Jr.	A-Distribution	2018
John Luke	C-Distribution	2007
Scotty Chastain	C-Distribution	2014
Terry Rich	B-Distribution	2023, no PGH 2022

Brian K. Coffey

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Kenneth S. Barlett

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam

Motion by Orlando Coronell

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

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Lynwood G. Marshburn

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take A-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington
Second: Orlando Coronell
Motion passed unopposed.

John Luke

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

Scotty Chastain

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take C-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

Terry Rich

Motion: Pay two years back fees, take B-Distribution school, pass C-Distribution exam
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: La'Meshia Whittington
Motion passed unopposed.

B) Operator in Responsible Charge Requests-Section .0701

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>ORC Request</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Jeremy King	C-Well	Town of Grifton
Daniel Early	B-Well and B-Distribution	Oriental Water System
Bi-Annual Aqua Report	NC ORC Exceedance Spreadsheet	Multiple systems

Jeremy King

Motion: Requesting to be C-Well ORC with Town of Grifton
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

Daniel Early

Motion: Requesting to be B-Well and B-Distribution ORC with Oriental Water System
Motion by Orlando Coronell
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.

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Bi-Annual Aqua NC ORC Exceedance Review

Presentation of Exceedance Request and Review by Robert Krueger and Brent Milliron

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

C) Temporary Certificate Request – Section .0404

None.

D) Out-Of-State Reciprocity Request - Section .0201 (b)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>
Matthew Kevin Crowley	Well, Distribution	CA
Craig Steven Milanowski	Distribution & Cross Connection	WA
John Andrew Kerswell	Distribution	FL
Brett James Kelso	Distribution & Surface	CO
Myron Cross	Well, Distribution & Cross Connection	TX
Phillip Aaron Moss	Well, Surface & Distribution	SC
Nicholas Kenneth Ricci	Surface	NY
John Patrick Collins	Surface & Distribution	NY
Whitney Thomas Cox	Surface	PA

Matthew Kevin Crowley

Motion: Recommend C-Well and C-Distribution certifications be issued.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.

Craig Steven Milanowski

Motion: Recommend C-Distribution and Cross Connection certifications be issued.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

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John Andrew Kerswell

Motion: Recommend C-Distribution certification be issued.

Motion by La'Meshia Whittington

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.

Brett James Kelso

Motion: Recommend C-Distribution and C-Surface certifications be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Myron Cross

Motion: Recommend C Well and C-Distribution certifications be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Orlando Coronell

Motion passed unopposed.

Phillip Aaron Moss

Motion: Recommend B-Surface, B-Well and B-Distribution certifications be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

Nicholas Kenneth Ricci

Motion: Recommend C-Surface certification be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

John Patrick Collins

Motion: Recommend C-Surface and C-Distribution certifications be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.

Whitney Thomas Cox

Motion: Recommend A-Surface certification be issued.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: La'Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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E) **Military Training and Experience Request**

None.

F) **Other Request**

None.

G) **Classified Water Treatment Facilities – Section .0205**

New Systems

- Three Peaks RV Resort – D Well (less than 101 connections)
- Savannah Creek RV Park – D-Well (less than 101 connections)
- Highgate S/D – C-Well (less than 101 connections)
- Luck’s Tavern – D-Well (less than 101 connections)

Motion: The following four new system classifications were submitted for the board’s approval.

Motion by La’Meshia Whittington

Second: Rani Holland

Motion passed unopposed.

Changed Systems

- Honeycutt Landing – adding C-Distribution
- Cheoah Work Center – change from C-Well to D-Well
- Lake Cherokee Rec Area – change from No Treatment to D-Well
- JAARS, Inc. – remove Cross Connection
- Whitter Sanitary District – add B Distribution, fire protection
- Firefly Cove – add B Distribution, fire protection
- Town of Selma – changing from A-Well to B-Well

Motion: The following changed system classifications were submitted for the board’s approval.

Motion by La’Meshia Whittington

Second: Thomas Hedrick

Motion passed unopposed.

H) **Rules**

None.

I) **Education.**

Stephen Kelley (Roger Kelley, Water and Wastewater Trainer LLC), certification school provider

Motion: Table until next meeting providing opportunity to share booklet document and example of one test section electronically in PDF format with board members.

Motion by Matthew Zapp

Second: La’Meshia Whittington

Motion passed unopposed.

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Review of paper exams results on August 29th and October 31st

Discussion regarding an operator cheating on October exam at Hickory site

Operator was caught cheating by proctor at exam site.

Proctors For Paper Exams – February 27, 2025

- Raleigh – Thomas Hedrick, La'Meshia Whittington, Mary Tiger, Matthew Zapp
- Hickory – Jonathan Pons, Rani Holland
- Williamston- Jeff Talbott, staff

J) Other

- SB166 and Cross Connection Impacts
Presenters: Nissa Pauley and Kathy Riley, American Backflow Association, Carolina Chapter
- Update Rules Review Report for 18D
Presenter: Shelby Gull, DWR
Motion to recommend the report of the periodic review of rules to go to the Rules Review Commission
Motion by La'Meshia Whittington
Second: Rani Holland
Motion passed unopposed.
- Program Update – Exam Application Process
Presenter: Jeff Talbott, DWR
Implementing an update in policy to require applicants to complete applications in full and submit 30 days prior to exam as of May, 2025.
- Challenge to grant reciprocity to operator
Motion to go into closed session to discuss personal identifiable and sensitive topics.
Motion by Rani Holland
Second: Thomas Hedrick

Opportunity for comments from attending public

Megan Doherty, PFAS

Cheri Proctor

Announcements and general discussion

The next meeting of the NCWTFOCB is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 10:00AM** at the City of Raleigh Field Services Division, 2550 Operations Way, Raleigh NC.

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Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn today's meeting.

Motion by Rani Holland

Second: Mary Tiger

Motion passed unopposed.