

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**September 20, 2022**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:07 AM on September 20, 2022 by Sam Call, Chairman.

The following members and guests were present at the meeting:

Jon Pons                      Rebecca Sadosky              Kim Greenwood              Sam Call  
Orlando Coronell

Guests present at the meeting:

Stephen Denning              Jeff Talbott                      Jay Frick                      Marsden Crawley  
Alaina Strater              Alan Oldham                      Mike Richardson

Sam Call read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day’s agenda items. There were no mentioned conflicts.

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Sam Call mentioned that his name was listed as reading the statement of ethics from the June Meeting instead of Jon Pons. Mr. Call then called for a motion to accept the minutes. Jon Pons made a motion to change the mentioned reference of “Sam Call” to “Jon Pons” and thereafter accept the minutes. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Call asked if there were any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

**The next item of business was certification reinstatement requests.**

The board received a letter from Jose Gonzalez requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution certification again. Mr. Gonzalez’s C-Distribution expired in 2020, but he has maintained his contact hours. Staff recommended that Mr. Gonzalez be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Mr. Gonzalez be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Billy Strickland requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Surface certification again. Mr. Strickland’s C-Surface expired in 2014, but he has retaken the C-Surface school in 2022. Staff recommended that Mr. Strickland be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the exam again. Kim Greenwood made the motion that Mr. Strickland be allowed to obtain his certification again by paying two years of back fees and passing the exam again. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was ORC exception requests.**

The board received a letter from Lee Brown requesting to be the ORC for the following systems:

Town of Nashville	0464020	C-Well	Nash Co.
Town of Nashville	0464020	B-Distribution	Nash Co.
Town of Nashville	0464020	Cross-Connection	Nash Co.
Town of Macclesfield	0433020	C-Distribution	Edgecombe Co.
Town of Macclesfield	0433020	C-Well	Edgecombe Co.

Orlando Coronell made a motion that Mr. Brown be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested systems. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was temporary certification requests.**

There were none.

**The next item of business was out-of-state requests.**

The Board received an out-of-state application from Randall Simmons requesting a distribution and well certification. Mr. Simmons holds licenses in New York and Pennsylvania and has 11 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Simmons be issued a C-Distribution and a C-Well certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Simmons be issued a C-Distribution and a C-Well certification. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Kenneth King requesting a well certification. Mr. King holds a A-Water Treatment license in South Carolina and has 3 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. King be issued an A-Well certification. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Mr. King be issued an A-Well certification. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Jack Kates Jr. requesting a well certification. Mr. Kates holds a A-Water Treatment license in South Carolina and has 36 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Kates be issued an A-Well certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Kates be issued an A-Well certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Harold Hancock requesting a well certification. Mr. Hancock holds a A-Water Treatment license in South Carolina and has 35 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Hancock be issued an A-Well certification. Rebecca Sadosky made the motion that Mr. Hancock be issued an A-Well certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Nicholas Kauffman requesting a distribution and a cross-connection certification. Mr. Kauffman holds a class 3 Distribution license in Florida and has 10 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Kauffman be issued a C-Distribution certification, but no Cross-Connection certification as he doesn't hold a Cross-Connection license in Florida. Rebecca Sadosky made the motion that Mr. Kauffman be issued a C-Distribution certification. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Nyles Barnes requesting a distribution certification. Mr. Barnes holds a class 3 Distribution license in Florida and has 7 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Barnes be issued a C-Distribution certification. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Barnes be issued a C-Distribution certification. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a repeat out-of-state application from Chayton Hawks requesting a well certification. Mr. Hawks was approved to sit for the C-Well exam at the March 2022 meeting. Based on the amendment to House Bill 243, Mr. Hawks would like the Board to reevaluate his request and allow him to receive his well license without sitting for the exam. Rebecca Sadosky made the motion that Mr. Hawks be issued a C-Well certification. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was military training and experience requests.**

There were none.

**The next item of business was other requests.**

There were none.

**The next item of business was classification of water treatment facilities.**

The following new system classifications were submitted by the Asheville regional office for the board's approval:

- Happ's Place – D-Well, D-Distribution (<100 connections)

Rebecca Sadosky pointed out that the facility was listed as a community water system and that only non-community systems can be D-Well systems. Ms. Sadosky stated that Happ's Place should be classified as a C-Well system based on the treatment points and the fact that it is listed as a community system. Jon Pons made a motion to classify the system as a C-Well system. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item on the agenda was Board Issues - Compliance.**

There were no items.

**The next item on the agenda was Board Issues – Rules**

There were no items.

**The next item of business was education.**

The board reviewed the results from the August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> exams. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 exams. Jon Pons and Sam Call volunteered to proctor the Hickory site. Rebecca Sadosky volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. There were no volunteers to proctor the Williamston site, but Sam Call stated he would contact Ann Wall to see if she was available to proctor on that date.

**The next item of business was other.**

At the June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 meeting, the board asked that Stephen Denning of the staff draft a policy addressing the prohibition of examinee's visible electronic devices and related listening devices at exam sites. Mr. Denning created a draft policy and presented the draft for the board's input. The policy read as follows:

*“Electronic devices that are designed to provide information either visually or audibly should not be accessed or worn by any examinee during their certification exam. Devices that are not to be accessed or worn include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, and listening devices such as headphones, ear buds, iPods, etc. Certification Board staff proctoring at the exam site will determine if any other electronic devices not listed above will be prohibited on a case-by-case basis. Devices intended to amplify audible sounds and voices for the hearing impaired are not subject to being prohibited by this policy.”*

Rebecca Sadosky made a motion to remove the term “iPods” from the policy, but to otherwise adopt the policy as is. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Call asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. There was neither.

Sam Call stated the next meeting date would be December 13, 2022.

Sam Call asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Pons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Sadosky seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Denning, Acting Board Secretary