

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

WPCSOCC Meeting Summary – November 1, 2024

Archdale Building, Raleigh NC, 10 AM

Roster

MEMBERS Present

Marchell Adams-David
Steve Barry
Mark Brantley - Chair
Martie Groome
Matthew Haynes
Jim Lynch
Bob Rubin
Ken Stines

MEMBERS Absent:

Arnold Allred
Chester Lowder
Jonathan Russel

STAFF

Patrick Beggs, DWR
Ashley Coleman, DWR
Phillip Reynolds, NCDOJ
Jeff Talbott, DWR
Jenee Williamson, DWR-Teams

GUESTS

Alan Oldham, NCRWA
Cheri Proctor, NCRWA
Chris White, NC One Water

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. Reappointment of Commissioners – item removed

P4. Revisions or Additions to Agenda

None.

P5. Review and Approval of Summary for August 9, 2024.

Approve August 9, Summary.

Motion: Stines

Second: Lynch

Motion passed unopposed.

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Action Items

241101-241103: Requests for Approval of Reciprocal NC Wastewater Certifications

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Certification Sought</u>	<u>State of Origin</u>	<u>Exam Type</u>
241101	Candidate #1	WW/Biological 2	TX (D, C, B, A)	State
241102	Candidate #2	Collections 1	CO (<u>1</u> , 2, 3, 4)	ABC
241103	Candidate #3	Collections 4	SC (D, C, B, <u>A</u>)	Voluntary
241104	Recommendation to Approve NCWOA as a Certification School Provider			
241105	Collection System NTK Approval			
241106	Approval of Relief for Operators Impacted by Hurricane Helene			
241107	Approval of Final Agency Determinations for Rules Review Report			
241108	Approval of 2025 WPCSOCC Meeting Dates			

241101 – Candidate #1

Motion: Grant applicant approval to take Biological Wastewater Grade 1 exam.

Motion by Adams-David

Second: Groome

Motion passed unopposed.

241102 – Candidate #2

Motion: Grant applicant Collections Systems Grade 1 certification.

Motion by Stines

Second: Adams-David

Motion passed unopposed.

241103 – Candidate #3

Motion: Grant applicant approval to take Collection System Grade 4 exam.

Motion by Barry

Second: Haynes

Motion passed unopposed.

241104 - Recommendation to Approve NCWOA as a Certification School Provider

Motion: Grant approval to NCWOA to teach Physical/ Chemical Grade 1 Certification School.

Motion by Stines.

Second: Rubin

Motion passed unopposed.

241105 - Collection System NTK Approval

Motion: Approve 2024 Collection Systems NTK for Grades 1-4.

Motion by Stines.

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Second: Rubin
 Motion passed unopposed.

241106 - Approval of Relief for Operators Impacted by Hurricane Helene

Motion: No fees will be imposed on operators affected by Hurricane Helene if renewal occurs on or before June 1, 2025.

Motion by Rubin.
 Second: Lynch
 Motion passed unopposed.

241107 - Approval of Final Agency Determinations for Rules Review Report

Motion by Haynes.
 Second: Groome
 Motion passed unopposed.

241108 - Approval of 2025 WPCSOCC Meeting Dates

Motion: Approve the following dates for 2025 WPCSOCC Meetings: February 14, 2025, May 9, 2025, August 9, 2025, November 7, 2025.

Motion by Adams-David
 Second: Groome
 Motion passed unopposed.

Information Items

2411A – September 2024 Exam pass Rates

Exam Date: September 12, 2024

Wastewater Certification Exam Pass Rates

	Took	Pass	Fail	%	Historical
AWA	19	18	1	95	79
AWB	1	1	0	100	90
CS1	103	90	13	87	81
CS2	79	63	16	80	75
CS3	29	25	4	86	68
CS4	34	15	19	44*	75
LA	8	4	4	50*	69
SI	5	2	3	40*	76
SS	11	7	4	64*	82

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WW1	121	58	63	48*	58
WW2	65	24	41	37*	48
WW3	34	21	13	62	43
WW4	17	14	3	82	61
PC1	37	14	23	38*	62
PC2	10	8	2	80	65

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Concluding remarks

The Wilbur E Long Operator of the Year Award was presented to Mark Young at the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority and then again at the NC One Water Annual Conference.

Chairman Mark Brantley thanks Commissioner Ken Stines for his service to the WPCSOCC and the state of NC and wastewater operators. Commissioner Stines is retiring Dec 31, 2025.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission is scheduled for **Friday, February 14, 2025 at 10:00AM** in the Archdale Building Ground Floor Hearing, Raleigh NC.

Adjourn

Motion: Adjourn

Motion by Barry

Second: Haynes

Motion passed unopposed.