

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

**December 11, 2018**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:03 AM on December 11, 2018 by Angela Christian, First-Vice Chairman.

The following members and guests were present:

Members Present:

Sam Call (Phone)	Linda Raynor	Angela Christian	Jon Pons (Phone)
Steve Scruggs	Eric Davis		

Guests:

Stephen Denning	Jill Weese	Michael Melton	Joe Pearce
Sonya McLamb	Mike Richardson		

Angela Christian read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day's agenda items. Steve Scruggs stated he had a conflict with both the Aqua NC annual request and the request from Ira Rice. Mr. Scruggs stated that he would be recusing himself from those discussions and votes.

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Angela Christian called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Eric Davis made a motion to approve the 9/18 minutes and Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. Angela Christian called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup> call-in meeting. Sam Call made a motion to approve the 9/26 minutes and Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Angela Christian asked if there were any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

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

There were no requests

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

The Board received a permission request from Clifford Newby Jr to serve as the ORC for the following systems:

Southern Wayne Sanitary District	0496045	B-Distribution	Wayne Co.
Southern Wayne Sanitary District	0496045	Cross-Connection	Wayne Co.
Southern Wayne Sanitary District	0496045	B-Well	Wayne Co.

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the request. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Stephen Hall to serve as the ORC for the following systems:

Belhaven Water System	0407015	B-Distribution	Beaufort Co.
Belhaven Water System	0407015	Cross-Connection	Beaufort Co.
Belhaven Water System	0407015	B-Well	Beaufort Co.

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the request. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Timothy Taylor to serve as the ORC for the following systems:

Town of Cleveland	0407015	C-Distribution	Rowan Co.
Town of Cleveland	0407015	C-Well	Rowan Co.

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the request. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the bi-annual spreadsheet update from Aqua NC. Michael Melton was in attendance to answer

any questions that the board had regarding the request. Angela Christian called for a motion regarding the renewal of Aqua NC's business model. Linda Raynor made a motion to approve Aqua NC's request for another year. Eric Davis seconded the request. The motion passed. Steve Scruggs recused himself from this discussion and vote.

**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 John Lee Dallas requesting permission to take a well exam. Mr. Dallas holds a class B Drinking Water Treatment Plant Operator license in Florida and has 9 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended by e-mail that Mr. Dallas be allowed to take up to a B-Surface exam based on his experience which did not include well water experience. Eric Davis made the motion that Mr. Dallas be allowed to take the C-Well exam within one year. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Ira Robert Rice requesting to take a surface exam. Mr. Rice holds a class A Drinking Water Treatment License in Missouri and has 28 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended by e-mail that Mr. Rice be allowed to take up an A-Surface exam. Sam Call made the motion that Mr. Rice be allowed to take an A-Surface exam within one year of the initial approval. 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:

- Acony Bell – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)
- All God's Children CEC – C-Well, D-Distribution (<100 connections)

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the new classification of Acony Bell as submitted. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Davis mentioned that he had reservations about the submitted classification for All God's Children CEC because he didn't feel the rules allowed for a system to have a higher treatment rating than the distribution rating. Mr. Davis made a motion to deny the regional office classification of All God's Children CEC, Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. Before taking a vote on the motion, Linda Raynor called Asheville Regional Engineer Kimberly Barnett, who confirmed that the rating for the system should be a D-Well and D-Distribution. Mr. Davis then withdrew his motion to deny the regional office classification of All God's Children CEC. Linda Raynor made a motion to approve the classification of All God's Children CEC as a D-Well and D-Distribution system. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion.

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

- Chimney Rock Village – C-Well, adding B-Distribution
- Maggie Valley Sanitary District – B-Surface, upgrading from B-Distribution to A-Distribution, adding Cross-Connection
- Town of Bakersville – C-Well, B-Distribution, adding Cross-Connection

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the new classification as submitted. Steve Scruggs 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.**

Sonya McLamb asked the board for clarification and guidance on 15A NCAC 18D .0308 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH HOURS (b). Mrs. McLamb specifically wanted direction on the intention and interpretation of the statement that reads, “For in-house training, an instructor from outside of the organization shall provide the training”. After a discussion with the board, it was the opinion of the board that the example of a fire chief providing training would be considered in-house training.

Angela Christian asked the board members to review the exam results from the September 25th electronic exams and the October 25th paper exams. There were no comments.

Angela Christian asked for volunteers to proctor the February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 paper exams. Sam Call and Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Morganton site. Steve Scruggs volunteered to proctor the Snow Hill site. Eric Davis volunteered for the Raleigh site.

The next item of business was other.

Jill Weese took a few minutes to talk about the difference between enforcing a rule and enforcing policy and stressed the importance of putting things into rule whenever possible in order for the board’s actions to be legally defended.

Angela Christian called for the annual election of officers. Jon Pons made the motion that the following officers be elected: Wendell Pickett as chairman, Angela Christian as first vice chair, and Sam Call as second vice chair. Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Angela Christian asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Angela Christian asked if there were any announcements or general discussion.

Stephen Denning announced the 2019 board meeting dates. They will be March 19, June 18, September 17, and December 10.

Angela Christian asked for a motion to adjourn. Linda Raynor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Denning, Board Secretary