

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

September 17, 2019

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:00 AM on September 17, 2019 by Wendell Pickett, Chairman.

The following members and guests were present:

Members Present:

Sam Call Linda Raynor Steve Scruggs Jon Pons
Wendell Pickett

Guests:

Stephen Denning Jill Weese Cheri Proctor Steve Reid
Alaina Strater

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

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Wendell Pickett called for a motion to accept the minutes. Steve Scruggs made a motion to accept the minutes and Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wendell Pickett 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 none.

The next item of business was ORC exception requests.

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

Town of Nashville	0464020	B-Distribution	Nash Co.
Town of Nashville	0464020	Cross-Connection	Nash Co.

Steve Scruggs made a motion to approve the request. Sam Call 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 Jared Riley requesting permission to take a distribution exam. Mr. Riley holds a class I water distribution license in Ohio and has 3 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended that Mr. Riley be allowed to take the C-Distribution exam. Sam Call made the motion that Mr. Riley be allowed to take the C-Distribution exam within one year of the approval. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from David Windburn requesting to take a distribution and a well exam. Mr. Windburn holds class A water distribution system and class A water treatment operator licenses in South Carolina and has 19 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended that Mr. Windburn be allowed to take the A-Distribution and A-Well exams. Steve Scruggs made the motion that Mr. Windburn be allowed to take the A-Distribution and A-Well exams within one year of the initial approval. Linda Raynor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

The Board received a military reciprocity application from Gregory Dunnigan requesting to take a C-Distribution, Cross-Connection, D-Well, and a C-Surface exam. After reviewing his information and experience, Wendell Pickett

recommended that Mr. Dunnigan be allowed to take the C-Distribution, Cross-Connection, D-Well, and C-Surface exams. Sam Call made the motion that Mr. Dunnigan be allowed to take the C-Distribution, Cross-Connection, D-Well, and C-Surface exams within two years of the initial approval. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 various regional offices for the board's approval:

- Sweetwater S/D – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)

Steve Scruggs made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Linda Raynor 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.

Wendell Pickett asked the board members to review the exam results from the July 30th electronic exams and the August 29th paper exams.

Wendell Pickett asked for volunteers to proctor the September 24th electronic exams in Morganton. Sam Call volunteered. Wendell Pickett asked for volunteers to proctor the October 31st paper exams. Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Morganton site. Wendell Pickett volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. Steve Scruggs said he would proctor the Snow Hill site if he was still on the board.

The next item of business was other.

Jill Weese told the Board that a complaint had been lodged against an operator for committing an act that possibly constitutes action from the Certification Board. Ms. Weese explained to the board that it was their ability to delegate Chairman Wendell Pickett the authority to determine whether disciplinary action is called for in this case. Sam Call made the motion that the Board delegate to Chairman Pickett the authority to make an initial decision concerning whether disciplinary action should be taken in response to the complaint received by staff on or about July 30th 2019 and, if so, in what form. Linda Raynor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wendell Pickett asked for any comments from the attending public.

There were no comments.

Wendell Pickett asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. There were none.

Wendell Pickett stated the next meeting date would be December 10, 2019 unless there was an earlier call-in meeting to specifically address the operator complaint mentioned previously in these minutes.

Wendell Pickett asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve Scruggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Denning, Board Secretary