

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

**September 18, 2018**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:00 AM on September 18, 2018 by Steve Scruggs, Second-Vice Chairman.

The following members and guests were present:

Members Present:

Sam Call	Linda Raynor	David Schaad	Jon Pons
Steve Scruggs	Eric Davis		

Guests:

Stephen Denning	Jill Weese	Benjamin H. Vaughn	Steve Reid
Alaina Strater	Jay Frick		

Steve Scruggs read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day's agenda items. Eric Davis mentioned that he was a member of the Water Quality Association that submitted a letter regarding a proposed rule change to be addressed later in the meeting.

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

Steve Scruggs 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 Conrad Stahlhut requesting that he be able to obtain his B-Surface certification again. Mr. Stahlhut's B-Surface certification expired in 2016. Eric Davis made the motion that Mr. Stahlhut be allowed to sit for the B-Surface exam again within one year after paying two years in back fees. Linda Raynor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Matthew Seabolt requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Well certification again. Mr. Seabolt's C-Well certification expired in 2016. Sam Call made the motion that Mr. Sealbolt be allowed to sit for the C-Well exam again within one year after paying two years in back fees. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Wesley Pearce requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution certification again. Mr. Pearce's C-Distribution certification expired in 2007. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Pearce be allowed to sit for the C-Distribution exam again within one year after paying two years in back fees and retaking the C-Distribution school. Sam Call seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Michael Lookabill requesting that he be able to obtain his B-Distribution certification again. Mr. Lookabill's B-Distribution certification expired in 2003. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Lookabill be allowed to sit for the B-Distribution exam again within one year after paying two years in back fees and retaking the B-Distribution school. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Orville Wint requesting that he be able to obtain his B-Distribution certification

again and for permission to be eligible to apply for the Cross-Connection exam. Mr. Wint's B-Distribution certification expired in 2009. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Wint be able to obtain his B-Distribution certification again within one year after paying two years of fees, retaking the B-Distribution review school, and taking and passing the B-Distribution exam. Also, Mr. Wint must return his B-Distribution certification to good standing before he is able to apply for the Cross-Connection certification. David Schaad seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Robert Thaxton requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Surface certification again. Mr. Thaxton's C-Surface certification expired in 2013. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Thaxton be allowed to sit for the C-Surface exam again within one year after paying two years in back fees and retaking the C-Surface school. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

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

Pamlico County Water	0469025	A-Distribution	Pamlico Co.
Pamlico County Water	0469025	Cross-Connection	Pamlico Co.
Pamlico County Water	0469025	B-Well	Pamlico Co.
Don Lee Center	0469438	C-Well	Pamlico Co.

David Schaad made a motion to approve the request. Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Kure Beach	0465025	C-Well	New Hanover Co.
Kure Beach	0465025	Cross-Connection	New Hanover Co.

Eric Davis made a motion to approve the request. Sam Call seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

CFPUA-NHC	0465232	A-Well	New Hanover Co.
Southridge MHP	0465206	C-Well	New Hanover Co.
Southridge MHP	0465206	C-Distribution	New Hanover Co.
All-Spec	7065051	D-Distribution	New Hanover Co.
Town of Carolina Beach	0465015	A-Distribution	New Hanover Co.
Town of Carolina Beach	0465015	B-Well	New Hanover Co.
Town of Carolina Beach	0465015	Cross-Connection	New Hanover Co.

David Schaad made a motion to approve the request pending a SOP submitted to Heidi Cox in the Wilmington Regional Office. Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Northwest Water Supply	0347015	C-Well	Hoke Co.
Northwest Water Supply	0347015	B-Distribution	Hoke Co.
The ARC of Hope Mills	0326776	D-Well	Cumberland Co.
Gray's Creek MHP	0326167	C-Well	Cumberland Co.
Raintree MHP	0326310	C-Well	Cumberland Co.
Town of Spring Lake	0326020	A-Distribution	Cumberland Co.
Town of Spring Lake	0326020	Cross-Connection	Cumberland Co.
Town of Parkton	0378045	B-Distribution	Robeson Co.
Town of Parkton	0378045	C-Well	Robeson Co.

David Schaad made a motion to approve Mr. Lowder to be the ORC for the above systems for a period of one year pending no reservations from the Wilmington Regional Office. Jon Pons 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 Benjamin Vaughn requesting permission to take a distribution exam. Mr. Vaughn holds a distribution operator trainee license and an A water treatment operator license in South Carolina and has 23 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended by e-mail that Mr. Vaughn be allowed to take up to an A-Distribution exam. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Vaughn be allowed to take up to an A-Distribution exam. Sam Call seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Jean Pierre Louis requesting to take a well and a surface exam. Mr. Louis holds a class A Drinking Water Treatment License in Florida and has 11 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended by e-mail that Mr. Louis be allowed to take up to an A-Well and up to an A-Surface exam. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Louis be allowed to take up to an A-Well and up to an A-Surface exam within one year of the initial approval. Sam Call seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Raymond Slezak requesting to take a well, a surface and a distribution exam. Mr. Slezak holds a class T4 water treatment license and W3 water distribution license from the state of New Jersey and has 36 years of experience. Wendell Pickett recommended by e-mail that Mr. Slezak be allowed to take up to an A-Distribution exam, up to an A-Well exam, and up to an A-Surface exam. David Schaad made the motion that Mr. Slezak be allowed to take up to an A-Distribution exam, up to an A-Well exam, and up to 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 various regional offices for the board's approval:

- Sunset Manor S/D – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)
- Jackson Manor S/D – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)
- Northeast Rowan County Water System – B-Distribution

David Schaad made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

- Smoky Mtn. Country Club Estates – C-Well, adding C-Distribution

David Schaad made a motion to approve the new classification as submitted. Eric Davis 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**

Jay Frick was in attendance to ask the board for a decision on whether or not to move forward with the .0206 rule changes. David Schaad made the following motion, "I make a motion to approve to readopt rule .0206 as published in the Office of Administrative Hearings registry". Sam Call seconded the motion. The motion passed. Eric Davis abstained from the vote.

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

Steve Reid was in attendance to seek a motion regarding the use of the University of Florida TREEO Center online classes for the C-Surface and B-Surface certification schools. David Schaad made a motion to approve the training as an

acceptable class for the C-Surface and B-Surface school requirements. Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steve Scruggs asked the board members to review the exam results from the July 31st electronic exams and the August 30th paper exams. There were no comments.

Steve Scruggs asked for volunteers to proctor the October 25th, 2018 paper exams. Sam Call and Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Morganton site. Steve Scruggs volunteered to proctor the Snow Hill site. There were no volunteers for the Raleigh site, but Stephen Denning agreed to contact Wendell Pickett about proctoring there.

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

Steve Scruggs asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Steve Scruggs asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. There were none.

Steve Scruggs stated the next meeting date would be December 11, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Denning".

Stephen Denning, Board Secretary