



**STATE OF MARYLAND
 BOARD OF WATERWORKS AND WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:
 Thursday, April 20, 2017
 Little Patuxent Reclamation Plant, Savage, Maryland**

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MISSION OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF WATERWORKS & WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS
 The Treatment Systems that provide drinking water for our citizens and handle the wastes generated by our daily activities play an important role in protecting Public Health and the Environment of Maryland. Through the Certification Program established by State Law, the “Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators” sets the education, experience and examination standards for Operators and Superintendents who work in these vital systems.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Russell Kelley	Dee Settar
Doug Myers	Dominic Deludos
Joseph Johnson	Bruce Darner

PRESENT LIASONS & OTHERS

Christine Nagle	Board Secretary
Jay Price	AWWA Representative
Stephanie Brown	Board Staff
Martin Fuhr	Board Staff
Pam Franks	Board Staff
Aris Evia	Board Counsel
Scott Harmon	CWEA Representative

Guests

Hiram Tanner	CWEA
Neil Winner	MDE

Not Present

Bill Shreve	Board Chairman
Joseph Haxton	Board Vice Chairman
Burt Curry	WEF Representative
Karen Brandt	MCET Representative
Noelle Anuszkiewicz	
Nancy Hausrath	

38 **01. CALL TO ORDER**

39 Christine Nagle, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:17 A.M.

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41 **02. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA**

42 Moved by Russell Kelley, and seconded by Joseph Johnson to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

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44 **A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

45 Board Members reviewed the February 16, 2017 draft meeting minutes, and voted unanimously to
46 approve the minutes with the necessary corrections. Moved by Joseph Johnson and seconded by Russell
47 Kelley. Motion carried.

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49 **03. BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

50 Board Chairman was not present. Board Secretary chaired meeting, thanked everyone for attending the
51 meeting. She relayed the Board Chairman's regrets at not being able to attend the meeting.

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53 **04. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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55 **A. Administrative Activities**

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57 1. As of March 31, 2017, appropriations for fiscal year 2017 are \$275,705, expenses are
58 \$172,627.86, revenue is \$144,991, and the encumbrance is \$42,947.06.

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60 **B. Exams**

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62 1. Please refer to Attachment A.

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64 **05. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

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66 1. **Chandra Singh** – Requesting Reciprocity from Pennsylvania to gain Maryland Water Treatment
67 Class 4 certification. Board Staff recommended that Mr. Singh be granted the Maryland Class 4
68 certification, but it was determined Mr. Singh's qualifications were for that of Maryland Water
69 Treatment 3. Joe Johnson motioned to grant reciprocity for T3 certification. Seconded by Dee
70 Settari. Motion carried.
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72 2. **Glen Ansted** - Requesting Education Substitution towards his Class 5A Wastewater Treatment
73 Operator certification. Board Staff recommended that Mr. Ansted be granted 4 months credit. Joe
74 Johnson stated that Mr. Ansted was eligible 1 year of education Substitution College based on the
75 number of qualified college credits. Joe Johnson moved to grant toward Mr. Ansted's Water
76 Treatment class 5A Operator Certification. Seconded by Bruce Darner. Motion carried.
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78 3. **Terrance Hemsley** – Requested Education Substitution towards his Wastewater Treatment Class
79 5A Operator's Certification. Board Staff recommended that Mr. Hemsley be granted 5 months,
80 which would satisfy his experience requirements. Joseph Johnson motioned to approve Mr.
81 Hemsley for 10 months based on his academic record. Seconded by Bruce Darner. Motion
82 carried.
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84 4. **Michael Lewis** – Requested Education Substitution toward his Wastewater Treatment Class 5A

85 Operator's certification. Board Staff recommended that Mr. Lewis be granted 12 months towards
86 his Operator's certification. Joseph Johnson motioned to approve Board Staff recommendation.
87 Seconded by Dee Settar. Motion carried.
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- 89 5. **Connie Luffman** – Requested experience substitution under COMAR regulations toward her
90 Wastewater Treatment Class A, 4, and S Operator Certifications. Board Staff requested the
91 recommendation of the Board as to how to proceed with Mrs. Luffman's request. Joseph Johnson
92 motioned to approve Mrs. Luffman 10 month's education experience. Seconded by Bruce
93 Darner. Motion carried.
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95 **06. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

96 **A. Training Review Committee - TRE**

97 Board Members reviewed the TRE courses recommended for approval. After some changes, Joe
98 Johnson moved to approve those courses whose timeline had been received, and Seconded by
99 Bruce Darner. Motion carried.
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102 The next TRE Committee meeting will be held on June 14, 2017.
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104 **B. Magazine**

105 Nothing to report.
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107 **07. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

108 **A. Legislative Update**

109 Board Counsel reported that Bill 628 passed in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly
110 and will become effective June 1, 2017. The purpose of the Bill is to assure that Boards and
111 Commissions in Maryland do not engage in anti-competitive procedures, in lieu of the decision in
112 the Dental Association of North Carolina case.
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116 **B. Certification of Septic System Service Providers**

117 Board Counsel reported that if the Board would like to make a statutory change in 2018 session,
118 by July 1st, an explanation of the proposal should be delivered to Jeff Fretwell. A fully completed
119 legislative package should be delivered to him by August 1st. Jeff will vet the proposal and
120 present it to the Governor. It is expected that the legislation will be difficult to pass, as 2018 is an
121 election year. Board Counsel advised that for the proposal to be fully functional, the support of
122 the Association of Septic Installers should be obtained first.
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125 **08. NEW BUSINESS**

126 **Tricon**

127 Bruce made a request that a State exam be held at Tricon. He made Board Staff aware of the
128 availability of a classroom for which the State Board of Waterworks Exam could be administered.
129 He noted that in the past, the space has gone unused. It was determined that the space can
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132 accommodate up to 125 people. Jay Price offered up that Thursday morning of the conference
133 would be a good time to hold the test, before the conference began to wind down and attendees
134 began to leave.

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136 **Disclosure Reports**

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138 Joe Johnson inquired about the disclosure reports. Chris Nagle thank Joe for bringing up the
139 financial disclosures and reminded Board members that 2016 financial disclosure forms are due
140 by April 30. Board secretary also noted that this is the last year paper filings will be allowed.
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142 **09. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD LIAISONS AND GUESTS**

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144 Hiram Tanner-CWEA– Requested submissions of recognition of individuals from Maryland,
145 Washington D.C., or Delaware area that deserve to be recognized for a job well done. He stated
146 that of 25 awards to be given, there were but 5 nominations in total.
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148 Jay Price Stated that so far, 111 operators have registered for the short course in Emmitsburg.
149 As of the same day, 85 of those registered have also signed up to take the State Exam.
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151 Scott Harmon invited all those interested to tour the new Blue Plains Biosolids plant coming up in
152 the near future.
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154 Bruce Darner spoke of low attendance at an electricity saving seminar that was billed as being
155 “regional”. Despite such, the turnout was 38 people. It is theorized that because many
156 organizations have begun in-house training, this has directly affected attendance at what have
157 been historically high attendance events.
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159 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

160 Joe Johnson Motioned to adjourn meeting at 12:46 P.M. The next meeting will be held on **May**
161 **25, 2017 10:00 A.M. at Wye Island NRWA, Queenstown, Maryland.**

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163 **Minutes recorded by:** Pamela Franks, Board Staff Administrative Officer

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165 **Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Christine Nagle, Board Secretary Deputy Program Manager
166 Pamela Franks, Board Staff Administrative Officer
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168 **William Shreve**
169 William Shreve, Board Chair
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171 **Christine Nagle**
172 Christine Nagle, Board Secretary
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175 **These minutes were approved on: May 25, 2017**
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