

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 7, 2021
Time: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Kailua WWTP
95 Kaneohe Bay Drive -Teleconference
Board Members: Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Gary Hutchinson, HWEA (not present)
Virgil Viernes, County of Maui
Emily Dong, P.E., Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai
Roger Babcock, P.E., University of Hawaii
Kevin Nakamura, Department of Health

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order: Time - 10:45AM By – Robert Souza**
- B. Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on March 25, 2021.**
- C. Old Business**
- a. None.
- D. New Business**
1. Review February Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
 2. DRC Notification
 - a. Lihue County WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Eric Moriguchi (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Priscilla Sobrinho (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Lihue Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - b. Waikoloa Village WWTP – Auwaiakeakua Site
 - i. Acknowledged receipt. Submit primary DRC position.
 - c. Waikoloa Resort WWRF
 - i. Acknowledged receipt. Submit primary DRC position.
 - d. Waikoloa Village WWTP – Kamakoa Site
 - i. Acknowledged receipt. Submit primary DRC position.
 - e. Seascape Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Frank Rodrigues (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Nelson Lianes (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Seascape Wastewater Treatment Plant.

3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. John Bowman, Gr. 4, Florida
 - i. Approved, pending additional information submitted.
4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. Dan Villanueva – Seminar of Water Sampling & Lab Procedures
 - i. See checklist and provide additional information.
5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – PFAS Training
 - i. Approved for .375 CEUs.
 - b. Parker Jones – New England Water Sector Cybersecurity Forum
 - i. Approved, pending additional items required per the checklist form.
 - c. John Harrison – Wastewater Training and Mentoring Series (Re-review)
 - i. Pending additional information and Board decision.
 - d. James Curtis – Wastewater Treatment Exam Review for Grade 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - i. See checklist and provide additional information.
 - e. Alicia Nakano – Waimea WWTP Operations Process Control Seminars Exam (Re-review)
 - i. Pending Board decision.
6. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. Selyse Lopes, Gr. 4
 - i. Denied. Operator is eligible to obtain a temporary certificate for Grade 2.
7. Plant Classifications
 - a. None.
8. CBT Exams
 - b. Review exam results between March 21, 2020– May 2, 2021
 - i. Grade 1 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate

- iii. Grade 3 = $1/4 = 25\%$ passing rate
- iv. Grade 4 = $0/2 = 0\%$ passing rate
- c. Eric Watanabe, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Grade 2 exam.
- d. Wesley Harshell, Gr. 3, Form 1. Approved to take Grade 3 exam.

9. Executive Session Discussion

10. Renewal Application

- a. Rory Ellamar, Gr. 2. Approved.
- b. Wesley Harshell, Gr. 3. Denied. Insufficient CEUs.
- c. Thomas Wheeler, Gr. 1. Approved.
- d. Gilbert Bettencourt, Gr. 2. Approved.
- e. Romeo Yanos, Gr. 4. Approved.
- f. Kathleen Lawson, Gr. 4. Approved.
- g. Patrick Markham, Gr. 2. Denied. Insufficient CEUs. Not approved course.
- h. David Yamada, Gr. 4, Approved.
- i. Luke Bumanglag, Gr. 2. Approved.
- j. Jeffrey Lasack, Gr. 2. Approved.
- k. Nicolas Estabillo, Gr. 4. Approved.
- l. Casey Mullins, Gr. 4. Approved.
- m. Ellen Frosch, Gr. 4. Approved.
- n. Nelson Llanes, Gr. 2. Approved.
- o. Bryan Sarasin, Jr. Gr. 1. Approved.
- p. Bryan Sarasin, Sr. Gr. 2. Approved.
- q. Stanley Cabrera, Gr. 1. Approved.
- r. Chachleigh Clarabal, Gr. 1. Approved.
- s. Matthew Hamlin, Gr. 4. Approved.
- t. Skyler Ano, Gr. 2. Approved.
- u. William Mohlman, Gr. 4. Approved.
- v. Kimber Deverse, Gr. 4. Approved.
- w. Cassandra Martin, Gr. 4. Approved.
- x. Zachary Mendes, Gr. 1. Approved.

- y. John Kudlich, Gr. 2. Approved.
- z. Myron Nomura, Gr. 4. Approved.
- aa. Wesley Pascua, Gr. 1. Approved.
- bb. Charles Sloan, Gr. 3. Approved.
- cc. Calvin Flores, Gr. 2. Approved.
- dd. Brian Lamb, Gr. 4. Approved.
- ee. Mark O'sullivan, Gr. 2. Approved.
- ff. David Kadowaki, Gr. 2. Approved.

10. Other

- a. Temporary Certification Form
 - i. City and County of Honolulu form has been revised.
- b. CEU Approval Request Form
 - i. To be discussed at next meeting.
- c. Discussion on the current available CEU Programs
 - i. Information has been provided to Operator.
- d. Please find an August Exam venue for Hawaii location.
 - i. Board will coordinate with DOH.
- e. Alicia Nakano – Waimea WWTP Operations Process Control Seminars
 - i. To be discussed at next meeting.
- f. CEU Request Requirements
 - i. To be discussed at next meeting.
- g. Discussion items for next meeting:
 - i. CEU Approval Request Form – Exams
 - ii. In-House Training CEUs

B. Adjournment: Time - 2:10 By - Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: June 24-25, 2021, Kauai

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – August 19, 2021, Paper Exam