BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL
IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 31, 2022
Time: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Department of Environmental Management Conference Room
          345 Kekuanao St. Suite 41
          Hilo, Hawaii 96720 and via Microsoft Teams meeting
          Join on your computer or mobile app
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          Or call in (audio only)
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          Phone Conference ID: 278 946 236#

Public Testimony
Written Testimony/comments – To ensure the public as well as the Board of Certification
of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants members receive testimony in a
timely manner, written testimony/comments should be submitted 24 hours prior to the
scheduled meeting date and time. Any written testimony/comments submitted after this
time cannot be guaranteed to be distributed in time for the meeting.
Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

  • By email to: doh.wwb@doh.hawaii.gov
  • By U.S. Postal Mail: State of Hawaii, Wastewater Branch, 2827 Waimano Home
    Road, Suite 207, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Members of the public are also welcomed to provide verbal testimony/comments at the
stated above meeting location or via MS Teams when directed to do so. Public testimony
is listed as Item B of the Agenda. Public testimony is limited to no more than three (3)
minutes per individual.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order: Time – 10:30AM By – Robert Souza
B. Public testimony on agenda items
C. Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on
   December 16-17, 2021.
   1. Reviewed. No comments.
D. Old Business
   a. Alicia Suzuki – Wailuku CEU Request
      i. Pending. Provide training duration. (1 point for every 12 hours
         of instruction time.)
   b. Shantelle Clarke, Gr. 4 – Renewal Application (Re-review)
      i. Denied.
c. Shantelle Clarke – HRWA – Personal Protective Equipment (Re-review)
   i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.

d. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – HRWA - Activated Sludge (In person & Virtual) (Re-review)
   i. Approved for 0.75 CEUs.

e. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – HRWA – Safety Overview (In person & Virtual) (Re-review)
   i. Approved for 0.75 CEUs.

f. Keith Rollin, Gr. 4 – CEU question (Re-review)
   i. Approved to take Grade 4 exam.

E. New Business

1. Review March Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
   i. Written Exam:
      (1) Grade 1 = 2/7 = 29% passing rate
      (2) Grade 2 = 0/3 = 0% passing rate
      (3) Grade 3 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
      (4) Grade 4 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate

2. DRC Notification
   a. Lahaina WWRF
      i. DRC notification acknowledged for Walter Urban (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Cassandra Martin (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Lahaina WWTP

   b. Ching Young Village WWTP
      i. DRC notification acknowledged for Eric Moriguchi (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Leila Kamekele (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Ching Young Village WWTP

   c. Waimea Bay Apts
      i. DRC notification acknowledged for Mark Glaser (Grade 1) as primary DRC for Waimea Bay Apt. WWTP

   d. Waimea WWTP
      i. DRC notification acknowledged for Mario Mararagan (Grade 4) as primary DRC and James Ruiz (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Waimea WWTP
e. Eleele WWTP
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Peter Honjo (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Jon Nakashima (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Eleele WWTP

f. Hana Kai Condo
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Eric Smith (Grade 1) as primary DRC for Hana Kai Condo WWTP

g. Punaluu WWTP
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Nelson Llanes (Grade 2) as primary DRC and Frank Rodrigues (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Punaluu WWTP

h. Kulaimano WWTP
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Jonathan Doi (Grade 3) as primary DRC and Ryan Correa (Grade 3) as secondary DRC for Kulaimano WWTP

i. Hale Nani Community Correctional Facility
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Nelson Llanes (Grade 2) as primary DRC, Frank Rodrigues (Grade 4) as secondary DRC and Steven Asselin as tertiary DRC for Hale Nani WWTP

j. Life Care Center of Hilo
   i. DRC notification acknowledged for Nelson Llanes (Grade 2) as primary DRC, Frank Rodrigues (Grade 4) as secondary DRC and Steven Asselin as tertiary DRC for Life Care Center WWTP

3. Requests for Reciprocity
   a. William Cockman, Gr. 1 – Alaska
      i. Reciprocity approved for a Grade 1 license.

4. CEU Approval (Operators)
   a. Travis Morita – California State University, Sacramento – Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection Systems, Volume 1
      i. Approved for 6 CEUs.

   b. Skyler Ano – 2021 SUEZ Users Group MBR Workshop
      i. Approved for 0.68 CEUs.
c. Bryon Burdett - 2021 SUEZ Users Group MBR Workshop  
   i. Approved for 0.68 CEUs.

d. Kevin Kaimikaua - 2021 SUEZ Users Group MBR Workshop  
   i. Approved for 0.68 CEUs.

e. Christopher Mitobe - 2021 SUEZ Users Group MBR Workshop  
   i. Approved for 0.68 CEUs.

f. Mario Raquino - 2021 SUEZ Users Group MBR Workshop  
   i. Approved for 0.68 CEUs.

g. William Wegesend – Joint Service & Summary Transcript  
   i. Approved the following indirectly related courses for 8 CEUs:  
      (1) First Aid  
      (2) Heavy-Duty Gasoline and Diesel Engine Repair  
      (3) Heavy-Duty Hydraulics

h. Kaiulani Osorio-Sawka – Bates Technical College Transcript  
   i. Approved for 62 CEUs.

5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
   a. Patrick Bryan – The National FOG Training Program (Virtual)  
      i. Approved for 0.25 CEUs per session. Provide all relevant  
         information in future requests.

   b. Carl Koester – Basic Terminology and Fundamentals of SCADA  
      Systems.  
      i. Approved for 0.125 CEUs. Revise CEU certificate immediately.

   c. Patrick Bryan – Hawaii Fog Pretreatment Training  
      i. Approved for 0.25 CEUs per session.

   d. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – HRWA – Sustainable Management of Rural  
      and Small Systems Workshop  
      i. Denied. Not relevant to Wastewater Operators.

   e. Natasha Rae – Horsley Witten Group – EPA Region 9 Utility  
      ICS/NIMS Training  
      i. Approved for 0.2 CEUs per day of attendance.

   f. Theo Leong – Jacobs Engineering – SCADA 101  
      i. Approved for 0.125 CEUs. Revise CEU certificate immediately.
6. Request for Temporary Certification
   a. None.

7. Plant Classifications
   a. Villa Rose Egg Ranch WWTP
      i. To be scheduled
   b. Waimanalo Beach Cottage WWTP
      i. To be scheduled

8. CBT Exams
   a. Review exam results between December 14, 2021 – March 29, 2022
      i. Computer Exam:
         (1) Grade 1 = 3/8 = 38% passing rate
         (2) Grade 2 = 2/6 = 33% passing rate
         (3) Grade 3 = 1/4 = 25% passing rate
         (4) Grade 4 = 0/6 = 0% passing rate
   b. Benjamin Enos, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Grade 1 exam.
   c. Alan Fukamizu, Gr. 2, - Form 1. Approved to take Grade 2 exam.
   d. Wesley Harshell, Gr. 1, Form 1. Approved to take Grade 1 exam.
   e. Michael Borge, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Grade 2 exam.
   f. Keith Key, Gr. 3, Form 1. Pending signature.
   g. Warren Molale, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Grade 2 exam.
   h. Joseph Edsman Jr, Gr. 2-4, Form 1. Approved to take Grades 2, 3, and 4 exams.

9. Renewal Application
   a. Robert Au, Gr. 4. Approved.
   b. Dennis Venturini, Gr. 4. Approved.
   c. Robert Oliveira, Gr. 4. Approved.
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d. Debra Urasaki, Gr. 4. Approved.
e. Henry Chang, Gr. 4. Approved.
f. David Heard, Gr. 4. Approved.
g. Zane Higa, Gr. 2. Approved.
h. Robert D’amico, Gr. 4. Approved.
i. Gary Shiroyama, Gr. 2. Approved.
j. Jay Gonsalves, Gr. 4. Approved.
k. Kelika Higa, Gr. 3. Approved.
l. Wilder Parker, Gr. 3. Denied.
m. Larry Mallari, Gr. 4. Approved.

10. Other
a. Discuss October Board Meeting date.
   i. Moving October Board Meeting to 10/27-28/2022.

11. Executive Session Discussion – An anticipated executive meeting may be held. The meeting may be convened for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures to maintain and increase consistency and efficacy.

F. Adjournment: Time - 1:30 PM By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: May 12-13, 2022 - Oahu
Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – August 18, 2022, Paper Exam

Note: Any person requiring an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Sina Pruder (808) 586-4294 or sina.pruder@doh.hawaii.gov no later than 5 days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.