

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 27, 2022

Time: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Kihei WWTP

480 Welekahao Road

Kihei, HI 96753 and via Microsoft Teams meeting

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Public Testimony

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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.

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A. Call to Order: Time – 10:38 AM

By - Robert Souza

B. Public testimony on agenda items (Executive Decision) – None

C. Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on June 23, 2022.

1. Reviewed. No comments. All in favor to approve.

D. Old Business

a. None.

E. New Business

1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting.

a. None available.

2. DRC Notification

a. Nityakash LLC – deferred, Plant not yet classified

b. Mitchell Residence

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Nicolas Estabillo (Grade 4) as primary DRC the Mitchell Residence.

c. Johnson Residence

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Nicolas Estabillo (Grade 4) as primary DRC the Mitchell Residence.

d. Kohanaiki Shores WWTP

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Frank Rodrigues (Grade 4) as primary DRC, Steve Asselin (Grade 4) as secondary DRC, and James Ano as tertiary DRC for Kohanaiki Shores WWTP.

e. Kailua WWTP

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Victor Peltier (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Justin Clute (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Kailua WWTP.

f. Kahuku WWTP

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Jon Nakamura (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Terry Onizuka (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Kahuku WWTP.

g. Waimanalo WWTP

i. DRC notification acknowledged for Jon Nakamura (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Jonah Napoleon (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Waimanalo WWTP.

h. Laie WRF

8. CBT Exams Results and Form 1
 - d. Review exam results between September 7, 2022 – October 24, 2022
 - i. Grade 1 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 0/0 = none
 - iv. Grade 4 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - e. Form 1 Applications
 - i. Randy Hanes, Gr. 3. Denied. Requires additional years of experience and/or CEUs.
 - ii. George Paleudis, Gr. 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - iii. Archibald Acidera, Gr. 2. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - iv. Michael Blanchard, Gr. 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - v. Lashawn Adams, Gr. 2. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - vi. Homer Mangahis, Gr. 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - vii. Ariana Debutiaco, Gr. 1 & 2. Approved to take Gr. 1 and 2 exams.

9. Renewal Application
 - a. Ronson Kamalii, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
 - b. Matthew Louis, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
 - c. James Gates, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
 - d. Michael Muramoto, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
 - e. Keith Key, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
 - f. Warren Molale, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
 - g. Cassandra Martin, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
 - h. Ladd Turalde, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
 - i. Kevin Kim, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
 - j. Bert Uyeno, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
 - k. Keary Shaw, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.

- l. Maile Leslie, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- m. Lyman Furuto, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- n. Zachary Asato, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- o. Peter Honjo, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- p. Walter Urban, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- q. Casey Mullins, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- r. Matthew Owens, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- s. Zachary-Scott Mendes, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- t. William Berasis, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- u. Jeffrey Ancog, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- v. William Hart, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- w. Herman Ellis III, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- x. Adam Mathews, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- y. Jeffrey Wilson, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- z. Michael Tugadi, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- aa. Keith Rollins, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- bb. Devin Paredes, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- cc. David Yamada, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- dd. Rollan Yadao, Gr. 1. Denied. 2.2 of submitted CEUs are outside of the renewal period.
- ee. Franklin Soriano, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- ff. Catherine Soriano, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- gg. Helaman Lauaki, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- hh. Gary Remiticado, Gr. 3. Pending.
- ii. John Wilson, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- jj. Alfredo Layi, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- kk. Kyle Deperalta, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- ll. Eassie Miller, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- mm. Steven Viernes, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.

- nn. John Bly, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- oo. Victor Moreland, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- pp. Jayson Pearson, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- qq. Matthew Lopez, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- rr. Terrence Cablay, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- ss. Brian Lamb, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- tt. Nelson Llanes, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- uu. Abraham Takushi, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- vv. Sean Bartlett, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- ww. Bruce Hiraoka, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- xx. Archibald Acidera, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- yy. Gary White, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- zz. Thomas Wheeler, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- aaa. Dwayne Fong, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- bbb. Michael Pelekai, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- ccc. Ryan Koyanagi, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- ddd. Shaun Salas, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- eee. Mark O'Sullivan, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- fff. Kealii Aguiar, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- ggg. Bruce Hashimoto, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- hhh. John Kadowaki, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- iii. Wesley Pascua, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- jjj. John Barclay, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- kkk. Kimber Deverse, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- lll. Selyse Lopes, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- mmm. Calvin Flores, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- nnn. Sean Nadonga, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- ooo. Alden Abe, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- ppp. Paul Miyahara, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.

- qqq. Wayne Salas, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- rrr. Thomas Ronquilio, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- sss. Nicolas Estabillo, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.
- ttt. Howard Greene, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- uuu. Kaleb-John Kaiwi, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- vvv. Michael Crutchfield, Gr. 1. Denied. No CEUs submitted.
- www. Curtis Duff, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 renewal.
- xxx. Charles Johns, Gr. 2. Approved for Gr. 2 renewal.
- yyy. Kendra Dantzman, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 renewal.
- zzz. Kaiulani Osorio-Sawka, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal, pending payment.
- aaaa. Randolph Kila, Gr. 4. Approved for Gr. 4 renewal.

11. Other

- a. Vector Solution
 - i. Discussed in September meeting.
- b. Challenge Question: James Robinson
 - i. Reviewed.
- c. Training Program / CEU Request
 - i. Virgil to submit.
- d. A new question from the public on if an Operator passes their Grade 4 exam, if a DRC notification be submitted immediately.
- e. 2023 Meeting Dates
 - a. February 8, 2023 – Oahu, Pacific Water Conference
 - b. March 23 – 24, 2023 – Hilo
 - c. May 26, 2023 – Oahu
 - d. June 22 – 23, 2023 – Kauai
 - e. September 8, 2023 – Oahu
 - f. October 26 – 27, 2023 – Maui
 - g. December 14 – 15, 2023 – Kona

12. 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.

In attendance:

Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu

Gary Hutchinson, HWEA

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iv. Adjournment: Time - 2:15PM By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: December 8-9, 2022 – Kona – West Hawaii Civic Center

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

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