

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 22, 2023

Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: DOH Kauai- Reading Room
3040 Umi St.

Lihue, HI 96766 and via Microsoft Teams meeting

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Board Members: Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Gary Hutchinson, HWEA
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 (not in attendance)
Kevin Nakamura, Private Sector
Maria Yamashita, Department of Health

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.

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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 May 26, 2023. Accepted as provided.

D. Old Business

- a. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – HRWA – Electrical Components
 - i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.
- b. Kahikina Kaae-Whittle – HRWA – Confined Space Safety
 - i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.

E. New Business

- 1. Review February Exam Results, if available before the meeting. Remove from agenda, no February paper exam.
- 2. DRC Notification
 - a. Kealakekua Ranch, Ltd WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Kelly Rapoza (Grade 2) as primary DRC for Kealakekua Ranch, Ltd WWTP.
- 3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. Michael Popiel, Gr. 4 – California. Denied, additional information required.
- 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. Matthew Lau – 2023 Pacific Water Conference.
 - i. Approved for 2.125 CEUs.
 - b. Matthew Lau – CSUS – Safety, Beginning Treatment, and Lagoon Systems.
 - i. Not approved for CEUs, additional volumes must be completed.
 - c. Matthew Lau – Hawaii Pacific University
 - i. Approved for 8 CEUs for MATH 1115 and MATH 1123.
Approved for 4 CEUs for WRI1200, 4 CEUs for MGMT2500, 4 CEUs for LAW3000 (BUS415) applicable for Grades 3 and 4 only.
- 5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. None.

6. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. None.
7. Plant Classifications
 - a. None.
8. CBT Exams
 - a. Review exam results between May 24, 2023 – June 19, 2023
 - i. Grade 1 = 0/0 = NA passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 - iv. Grade 4 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 - b. Christopher Enos, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved for Gr. 1 exam.
9. August Paper Exam
 - a. Gregory Manintin, Gr. 2 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 2 Exam.
 - b. Ladd Turalde, Gr. 4 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 4 Exam.
 - c. Gillie Silva III, Gr. 3 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 3 Exam.
 - d. Pablo Guevara, Gr. 2 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 2 Exam.
 - e. William Cockman, Gr. 2 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 2 Exam.
 - f. Leroy Nonaka, Gr. 1 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 1 Exam.
 - g. Nathan Aviguetero, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved for Grade 2 Exam.
 - h. Jason Jon Robinson, Gr. 3 – Form 2. Approved for Grade 3 Exam.
 - i. Ariana Debutiaco, Gr. 3 – Form 1. Approved for Grade 3 Exam.
10. Other
 - a. Kauai Plant Visits for Classification.
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.

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Next Scheduled BOC meeting: September 8, 2023 – Oahu at Pearl City

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – August 17, 2023, 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.