

# BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Kailua WWTP - Administration Building (Building 7A) Training Room  
95 Kaneohe Bay Drive

Kailua, HI 96734 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 (not in attendance)  
Emily Dong, P.E., Professional Engineer in Private Practice  
Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai  
Roger Babcock, P.E., University of Hawaii (not in attendance)  
Maria Yamashita, Department of Health  
Kevin Nakamura, Private Sector

Guests: Chelsea Faisca, Aqua Engineers

### **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](mailto: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 – 10:25 PM** **By – Robert Souza**
- B.** Public testimony on agenda items
- C.** Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on June 22, 2023.
- D. Old Business**
- a. None.
- E. New Business**
- 1. Review February Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
  - 2. DRC Notification
    - a. Honouliuli WWTP (Step-Feed Activated Sludge Secondary Treatment).
      - i. DRC notification form accepted for Victor Moreland (Grade 4) as primary DRC for Honouliuli WWTP (Step-Feed Activated Sludge Secondary Treatment).
  - 3. Requests for Reciprocity
    - a. Timothy Carroll, Gr. 4 – California. Approved for Gr. 4 Hawaii License.
  - 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
    - a. None.
  - 5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
    - a. Morgan Palmer – 360Waterplus – 51 Continuing Education Courses,.
      - i. Deferred to the next meeting.
    - b. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Volume 3 (A & B)
      - i. Deferred to the next meeting.
    - c. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 1 (A, B & C)
      - i. Deferred to the next meeting.

6. Request for Temporary Certification
  - a. Travisreis Lave, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - b. Michael Patronis, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - c. Jonathan Sisler, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - d. Kory-Jordan Agag, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - e. Jeffery Kong, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - f. Jeffrey Ladines, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - g. Kurt Ng, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - h. Kaihepono Saizon, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - i. Seung Ha Lee, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  - j. Romeo Veal, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
  
7. Plant Classifications
  - a. None.
  
8. CBT Exams
  - a. Review exam results between June 19, 2023 – July 14, 2023
    - i. Grade 1 = 0/0 = N/A passing rate
    - ii. Grade 2 = 1/1 = 100% passing rate
    - iii. Grade 3 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
    - iv. Grade 4 = 2/3 = 67% passing rate
  - b. Connie Nagata, Gr. 3 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.
  - c. Patrick McNulty, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
  - d. Rockney Wright, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
  - e. Duncan Bamsey, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
  
9. August Paper Exam
  - a. Jeffrey Ancog, Gr. 4 – Form 2. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam
  - b. Devin Hale, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
  - c. Everett Allen, Gr. 4 – Form 2. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
  - d. Alton Chandler, Gr. 2 – Form 2. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
  - e. Rory Belanio, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.

f. Isaac Blanchard, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved pending receipt of diploma.

10. Other

a. None.

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 – 11:45AM**

**By – Robert Souza**

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](mailto:sina.pruder@doh.hawaii.gov) no later than 5 days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.