

# BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 26, 2023  
Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Location: Kihei WWTP  
480 Welekahao Road  
Kihei, HI 96753 and via Microsoft Teams meeting  
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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  
Kevin Nakamura, Private Sector  
Maria Yamashita, Department of Health  
Attendees: Salvatore Marino

### **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.

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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 September 15, 2023.
1. Reviewed. No comments.
- D. Old Business**
- a. Salvatore Marino, Gr. 4 – 2022 Renewal Application
    - i. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
  - b. Dominick Marino, Gr. 3 – 2022 Renewal Application
    - i. Renewal approved for Gr. 3 license.
  - c. Cresencio Camero, Gr.4 – CBT Application (Re-review)
    - i. Approved to take the Gr. 4 exam. University of Phoenix transcript approved for 28 CEUs.
- E. New Business**
1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
    - a. Not available.
  2. DRC Notification
    - a. None.
  3. Requests for Reciprocity
    - a. None.
  4. CEU Approval (Operators)
    - a. Homer Mangahis – Joint Services Transcript. Pending additional Board discussion.
  5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
    - a. Matt Jones – WEFTEC – 2023 WEFTEC 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Tech Conference (more info on file link)
      - i. Approved for 1 CEU per 8 hours of contact time.

6. Request for Temporary Certification
  - a. None.
  
7. Plant Classifications
  - a. Nihi Kai Villas – Poipu. Plant is classified as a Grade 1 at 16 points.
  - b. Pila'a Ranch – Kilauea. Plant is classified as a Grade 2 at 48 points.
  
8. CBT Exams
  - a. Review exam results between September 14, 2023 – Oct 24, 2023
    - i. Grade 1 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
    - ii. Grade 2 = 1/2 = 50% passing rate
    - iii. Grade 3 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
    - iv. Grade 4 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
  - b. Angela Ho, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved for Gr. 2 exam. University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College approved for 30 CEUs.
  - c. Isaac Blanchard, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved for Gr. 1 exam.
  - d. Joshua Nunes, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Pending high school diploma.
  - e. Logan Yamamoto, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Denied. Additional information required.
  - f. Homer Mangahis, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved for Gr. 2 exam.
  - g. Jeffrey Lasack, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Approved for Gr. 4 exam.
  
9. August Paper Exam
  - a. Justin Kawamura, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Denied for Gr. 4 exam. Approved for Gr. 3 exam.
  
10. Other
  - a. Turning over for SWOTC. Acknowledged.
  - b. WEFTEC request for CEUs approved for 1 CEU for every 8 contact hours.
  - c. Written exam will be on Kauai on February 15, 2024.
  
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 – 1:00PM**

**By – Robert Souza**

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: December 14-15, 2023 – Kona at WHCC

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

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