

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 15, 2023

Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: EMD Conference Room – Wastewater Branch
2827 Waimano Home Road, Room 207
Pearl City, HI 96782 and via Microsoft Teams meeting
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Phone Conference ID: 374 697 18#

Board Members: Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Gary Hutchinson, HWEA (not in attendance)
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
- 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 - 10:30 AM** **By – Robert Souza**
- B.** Public testimony on agenda items
- C.** Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on July 19, 2023.
- a. Grade 1 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - b. Grade 2 = 0/7 = 0% passing rate
 - c. Grade 3 = 1/2 = 50% passing rate
 - d. Grade 4 = 0/3 = 0% passing rate
- D. Old Business**
- a. None.
- E. New Business**
- 1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
 - 2. DRC Notification
 - a. Outrigger Lodging Service for The Banyan Harbor Resort
 - i. DRC notification acknowledged for Connie Nagata (Grade 2) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Outrigger Lodging Service for The Banyan Harbor Resort.
 - b. Banzai Sushi Bar
 - i. DRC notification acknowledged for Samuel Morton (Grade 2) as primary DRC for Banzai Sushi Bar.
 - c. Kailua WWTP
 - i. DRC notification acknowledged for Justin Clute (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Dennis Venturini (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Kailua WWTP.
 - d. Nawiliwili Small Boat Harbor WWTP
 - i. DRC notification acknowledged for Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as primary DRC and Herman Santos (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Nawiliwili Small Boat Harbor WWTP.

3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. None.
4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. None.
5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. Morgan Palmer – 360Waterplus – 51 Continuing Education Courses
 - i. Approved for 0.125 CEUs per contact hour.
 - b. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Volume 3 (A & B)
 - i. Approved for 5 CEUs.
 - c. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 1 (A, B & C)
 - i. Approved for 3 CEUs.
 - d. Chelsea Faisca – Pacific Pipe – Waterworks 101
 - i. Approved for 0.125 CEUs per contact hour.
 - e. Sarang Agarwal – HWEA – Collection Systems Conference 2023
 - i. Approved for 1 CEU per 8 contact hours.
6. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. None.
7. Plant Classifications
 - a. Pila'a Ranch Condominium
 - i. To be scheduled.
8. CBT Exams
 - a. Review exam results between July 15, 2023 – September 13, 2023
 - i. Grade 1 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - iv. Grade 4 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate

- b. Marc Nadig, Gr. 4 – Form 1 - Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
 - c. Christopher Mitobe, Gr. 3 – Form 1 – Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.
 - d. Matthew Lau, Gr. 3 & 4 – Form 1 - Approved to take Gr. 3 & 4 exam.
 - e. Cresencio Camero III, Gr. 4 – Form 1 - Denied, it does not indicate that you meet the CEU requirements for a Gr. 4 operator. Needs to submit CEUs.
 - f. Jason Veile, Gr. 3 & 4 – Form 1 – Approved to take Gr. 3 exam. Denied taking Gr. 4 exam, face value of CEUs does not correlate with BOC requirements.
9. Other
- a. Gillie Silva – Maui Examination (Due to Lahaina fire, he was not able to make it. He paid \$75 for the Paper Exam. Will he need to pay \$100 with PSI?)
 - i. Qualified to take 2024 February or August Paper Exam and/or submit CBT application and processing/exam fee will be waived.
 - b. 2024 Renewal Application CEU Dates
 - i. 2024 Renewal Application updated and added email section.
10. 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 - 12:00 PM By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: October 26-27, 2023 – Maui at Kihei WWTP

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

Note: Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Please call Sina Pruder at (808) 586-4294 or email at sina.pruder@doh.hawaii.gov.