

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 21, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Environmental Health Conference Room – Chief's Conference Room
1582 Kamehameha Avenue

Hilo, Hawaii 96720 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 (not in attendance)

Attendees: Chelsea Faisca

Michael Cummings

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 – 10:30AM By – Robert Souza**
- B. Public testimony on agenda items**
- C. Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on December 14, 2023.**
1. Reviewed, no comments.
- D. Old Business**
- E. New Business**
1. Review February Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
 - a. Grade 1 = 0/3 = 0% passing rate
 - b. Grade 2 = 1/4 = 25% passing rate
 - c. Grade 3 = 1/1 = 100% passing rate
 - d. Grade 4 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 2. DRC Notification
 - a. NAVFAC Hawaii WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Wayne A. Salas (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Harry K. Hauck (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for NAVFAC Hawaii WWTP.
 - b. Whaler's Cove
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Whaler's Cove.
 - c. Kuhio Shores AOAO
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Kuhio Shores AOAO.
 - d. Outrigger Lodging Service for the Banyan Harbor Resort
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Channing Tada (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Outrigger Lodging Service for the Banyan Harbor Resort.
 - e. Poipu Palms

- i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Poipu Palms.
- f. Nihi Kai Villas AOA
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Nihi Kai Villas AOA.
- g. Alihi Lani WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Alihi Lani WWTP.
- h. Kailua Regional WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Dennis V. Venturini (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Justin Clute (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Kailua Regional WWTP.
- i. Hale Kahanalu WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Hale Kahanalu WWTP.
- j. Koolau Ranch WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Koolau Ranch WWTP.
- k. Synagro Technologies Honolulu
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Jeremy Anderson (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Synagro Technologies Honolulu.
- l. Steven Murphy and Kristen McReynolds
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Sidney A. Remiticado (Grade 4) as primary DRC for Steven Murphy and Kristen McReynolds.
- m. Poipu Makai WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Santos (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Michael Muramoto (Grade 2) as secondary DRC for Poipu Makai WWTP.
- n. Poipu Water Reclamation Facility
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Ryan H. Saiki (Grade 4) as primary DRC and John Kadowaki (Grade 4) as secondary DRC for Poipu Water Reclamation Facility.

3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. Michael Boyett, Gr. 4 – Colorado
 - i. Pending. Provide proof that the license was obtained by examination through issuing agency.
 - b. Robert Lerma, Gr. 4 – California
 - i. Pending. Provide proof that the license was obtained by examination through issuing agency.
 - c. Kyle McCoy, Gr. 4 – Texas
 - i. Pending. Provide proof that the license was obtained by examination through issuing agency.
 - d. Gregory Gaxiola, Gr. 4 – California
 - i. Pending. Provide proof that the license was obtained by examination through issuing agency.

4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. Vincent Keliikuli – Safety Intelligence – Confined Space for General Industry Competent Person Level
 - i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.
 - b. Johan Casallo – CSUS – Manage for Success: Effective Utility Leadership Practices
 - i. Approved for 4.5 CEUs.
 - c. Kelika Higa – Safety Intelligence – Confined Space for General Industry Competent Person Level
 - i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.
 - d. Keith Key – Safety Intelligence – Confined Space for General Industry Competent Person Level
 - i. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.
 - e. Gary Shiroyama – 2024 Pacific Water Conference
 - i. Denied. Submit CEU certificate from HWEA.

5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 2, A – Introduction and Fixed Film Processes
 - b. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 2, B – Activated Sludge Processes and Nutrient Removal

- c. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 2, C – Anaerobic Treatment and Residual Solids Management
Approved for 3 CEUs upon completion of the entirety of Industrial Waste Treatment, Volume 2, A, B and C. No CEUs will be given for partial completion of any of the above sections.
- 6. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. Skyler Ano, Gr. 4
 - i. Approved for Gr. 4 temporary certification.
 - b. Shaun Hieda, Gr. 2
 - i. Approved for Gr. 4 temporary certification.
- 7. Plant Classifications
 - a. None.
- 8. CBT Exams
 - a. Review exam results between December 12, 2023 – March 17, 2024
 - i. Grade 1 = 1/4 = 25% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 1/4 = 25% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 2/5 = 40% passing rate
 - iv. Grade 4 = 0/4 = 0% passing rate
 - b. Exam Application - Form 1
 - i. Travisreis Lave, Gr. 1, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - ii. Travisreis Lave, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - iii. Peniamina Lave, Gr. 1, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - iv. Peniamina Lave, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - v. Travis Morita, Gr. 4, Form 1. Denied. Received 6.8 CEUs for training center courses, received 24 CEUs for Ken Kerry courses, received 1 CEU for Vector course, for a total of 31.8 CEUs. Submit an additional 0.2 CEUs.
 - vi. Michael Patronis, Gr. 2, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam. Submit hardcopy of CEUs to DOH.
 - vii. Keenan Place-Puaa, Gr. 1, Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.

9. Renewal Application
 - a. Jon Musick, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - b. Dennis Venturini, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - c. James Carreira, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - d. Homer Mangahis, Gr. 1. Renewal denied for Gr. 1 license. All courses of Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Volume 1 must be completed to obtain CEUs. No credit for partial completion.
 - e. Victor Peltier, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - f. Ryan Saiki, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - g. Wilder Parker, Gr. 4. Renewal denied for Gr. 4 license. All courses of Industrial Waste Treatment Volume 1 must be completed to obtain CEUs. No credit for partial completion.
 - h. John Choate, Gr. 4. Renewal approved for Gr. 4 license.
 - i. Jon Yamabe, Gr. 2. Renewal approved for Gr. 2 license.
 - j. Ryan Correia, Gr. 3. Renewal approved for Gr. 3 license.
 - k. Betsy Wittman, Gr. 3 . Renewal approved for Gr. 3 license.

10. Other
 - a. James Huchel no longer DRC for Poipu WRP, Hyatt WRP and Big Save WRP. Acknowledged receipt.
 - b. PSI Testing– Retake/Re-Exam.

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.
 - a. Discussion/Determination of course of action an Allegations of falsifying information.

F. Adjournment: Time – 11:30AM

By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: May 17, 2024 – Oahu at Kailua WWTP
Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – August 15, 2024, Paper Exam

Note: Any person requiring an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Jonathan Nagato (808) 586-4294 or Jonathan.ngato@doh.hawaii.gov no later than 5 days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.