

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 26, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 2:00 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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Members: Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Gary Hutchinson, HWEA
Emily Dong, P.E., Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai
Kevin Nakamura, Private Sector
Maria Yamashita, Department of Health
Virgil Viernes, County of Maui (not in attendance)
Roger Babcock, P.E., University of Hawaii (not in attendance)

Attendees: Chelsea Faisca

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.

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- 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 June 27-28, 2024.
- D. Old Business**
- a. Travis Morita, Gr. 4 – CBT Exam Application (Re-review). Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
- E. New Business**
- 1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
 - a. Grade 1 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
 - b. Grade 2 = 0/4 = 0% passing rate
 - c. Grade 3 = 0/5 = 0% passing rate
 - d. Grade 4 = 0/2 = 0% passing rate
 - 2. DRC Notification
 - a. None.
 - 3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. Alberto Martinez, Gr. 4 – California. Requires letter of employment or documentation of applicant seeking employment in the State of Hawaii.
 - b. Daniel Ulloa, Gr. 3 – California. Requires letter of employment or documentation of applicant seeking employment in the State of Hawaii..
 - 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. John Kainoa III – CSUS – Operation Wastewater Treatment Plants, Volume 3, Course A and B. Approved for 5 CEUs.
 - b. Jeffrey Lasack – Safety Intelligence – Confined Space for General Industry Competent Person Level. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.
 - c. Jeffrey Lasack – Safety Intelligence – Supported Scaffolding Competent Person. Approved for 0.5 CEUs.

- d. Charles Johns – HRWA – 11 NRWA WaterPro Conference Certificates. Approved for 1.375 CEUs.
 - e. Charles Johns – HRWA – NRWA/WaterPro Academy Utility Management Certificate. Approved for 0.211 CEUs.
 - f. Charles Johns – HRWA – Safety Classes. Approved for 0.1 CEU / 1 hour course = 1.8 CEUs.
 - g. Charles Johns – HRWA – NRWA In-Service Rural Wastewater Training. Denied.
 - h. Charles Johns – HRWA – NRWA/EPA Virtual Cybersecurity Webinars. Denied.
 - i. Jeffrey Kafka – 2024 Pacific Water Conference. Approved for 1 CEU / 8 hours contact time.
 - j. Jeffrey Kafka – WEFTEC 2023. Approved for 1 CEU / 8 hours contact time = 1.178 CEUs.
 - k. Joshua Nunes – CSUS – Operation Wastewater Plants, Volume 3, Course A and B. Approved for 5 CEUs.
 - l. Joshua Nunes – CSUS – Membrane Bioreactors. Approved for 1 CEUs.
5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
- a. Emily Dong – Brown and Caldwell – Supplemental Training for Operators: Solids & Solids Handling. Approved for 0.33 CEUs.
 - b. Emily Dong – Brown and Caldwell – Supplemental Training for Operators: Process Certification Prep. Approved for 0.66 CEUs.
 - c. Sarah Glover – HRWA – GPS in Hawaii. Approved for 0.094 CEUs.
 - d. Sarah Glover – HRWA – Climate Change: The Trio of Tricky Problems. Denied.
 - e. Sarah Glover - HRWA – Emerging Contaminates/PFAS. Syllabus/Schedule shows 3 hours of contact time. Approved for 0.375 CEUs.
 - f. Sarah Glover – HRWA – How to Build an Operational Technology (OT) Cybersecurity Program. Approved for 0.094 CEUs.
 - g. Sarah Glover – HRWA – How to Hack Your Supervisors Computer. Denied.
 - h. Sarang Agarwal – HWEA – Biosolids & Cogeneration Workshop. Approved for 1 CEU / 8 hours contact time.

- i. Stephanie Tuton – Vector Solutions – Hazardous Material Identification and Spill Prevention. Approved for 0.125 CEUs.
 - j. James Reif – J Reif Consulting LLC – Active Shooter/Workplace Violence Response Training. Denied.
6. Request for Temporary Certification
- a. Brandon Berinobis, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 temporary certification.
7. Plant Classifications
- a. Villa Rose Egg Ranch Wastewater Treatment Wetland.
Board will schedule plant visit to classify.
8. CBT Exams
- a. Review exam results between June 18, 2024 – September 19, 2024
 - i. Grade 1 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 1/6 = 17% passing rate
 - iv. Grade 4 = 1/6 = 17% passing rate
 - b. Prisca Eguchi-Padeken, Gr. 3 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.
 - c. Bradley Suizu, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - d. Connie Nagata, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
 - e. Shawn Suzuki, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Denied pending verification of work hours/dates.
 - f. Kalei Hendershot, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - g. Hoolaiikeao Cabanilla, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - h. Daniel Akana, Gr. 3 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.
 - i. Eric Guevara (Gr. 3) – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.
 - j. Eric Guevara (Gr. 4) – Form 1. Denied.
 - k. Darryl Matsumura, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - l. Lemuel Bacalso, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
 - m. Robin Harrington, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
 - n. Robin Harrington, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
 - o. Matthew Sala, Gr. 3 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 3 exam.

- p. Matthew Sala, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
- q. Arik Dadez, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Denied to take Gr. 4 exam. May take Gr. 3 exam.
- r. Joshua Nunes, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
- s. Furl Medeiros, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
- t. Roland Larson, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Denied.
- u. Nolan-Mark Cadirao, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.

9. Renewal Applications

- a. Romel Magaoay, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- b. Matthew Lau, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- c. Lee Ruppert, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- d. Bruce Hashimoto, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- e. John Kainoa III, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- f. Eugene Callnan, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- g. Michael Nobriga, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- h. Christopher Enos, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- i. Robert D’Amico, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- j. Prisca Eguchi-Padeken, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- k. Warren Abamonga, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- l. Kevin Nakamura, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- m. Paul Balberde, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- n. Chun Ming Yuen, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- o. David Thomas, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- p. Michael Rabot, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- q. Myron Nomura, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- r. Randy Hanes, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- s. Travis Morita, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- t. Guy Joao, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- u. Sean Bartlett, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- v. Gary Shiroyama, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- w. Eric Watanabe, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- x. Debra Urasaki, Gr. 4 – Approved.

- y. Leon Soong, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- z. Jason Veile, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- aa. James Ruiz, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- bb. Vincent Edmundson, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- cc. Lemuel Bacalso, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- dd. Zeus Gran, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ee. Randy DeMeyers, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ff. Larry Mallari, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- gg. Luis Gagarin Jr, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- hh. Walter Urban, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ii. Jon Nakashima, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- jj. Terry Onizuka, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- kk. Thomas Wheeler, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- ll. Rowland Wong, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- mm. Charles Dawrs, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- nn. Keary Shaw, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- oo. Wesley Pascua, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- pp. Wesley Thode, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- qq. Selyse Lopes, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- rr. Jon-Justyn Torralva, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- ss. Shane Anduha, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- tt. Jason Kaululaau, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- uu. Daniel Akana III, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- vv. Michael Patronis, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ww. Henry Giltner, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- xx. Calvin Flores, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- yy. Eric Smith, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- zz. Jon Kawamura, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- aaa. Bobby Kelii, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- bbb. Matthews Owens, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- ccc. Steven Bacalso, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ddd. Wendell Carlos, Gr. 3 – Approved.

- eee. Alden Abe, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- fff. Angela Ho, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- ggg. Allen Perry, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- hhh. Troy Carvalho, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- iii. Charles “Ted” Johns, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- jjj. Michael Nesbitt, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- kkk. Stephen Green, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- lll. Guy Nishiyama, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- mmm. Thomas Johnson, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- nnn. Robert Busch, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ooo. Kelly Onizuka, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ppp. Wendell Reyes, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- qqq. Sheldon Sylva, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- rrr. Brandon Berinobis, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- sss. Harry Hauck, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ttt. Matthew Sala, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- uuu. John Kadowaki, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- vvv. Ladd Turalde, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- www. Mario Raquino, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- xxx. Marc Nadig, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- yyy. Jeffrey Lasack, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- zzz. Keith Rollins, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- aaaa. Jeffrey Kafka, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- bbbb. Jason Imamura, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- cccc. Shaun Salas, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- dddd. Helaman Lauaki, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- eeee. Ammon Lauaki, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- ffff. Samuel Morton, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- gggg. Jason Inuma, Gr. 4 – Pending CEUs.
- hhhh. Luke Bumanglag, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- iiii. Devin Hale, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- jjjj. Rockney Wright, Gr. 1 – Pending CEUs.

- kkkk. Archibald Acidera, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- llll. William Berasis, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- mmmm. Rory Ellamar, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- nnnn. Bruce Hiraoka, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- oooo. Kelekolio Taylor, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- mmmm. Justin Davidson, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- nnnn. Tony Lindemann, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- oooo. Richard Maiava, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- pppp. Abraham Takushi, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- qqqq. Herman Ellis III, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- rrrr. Alfredo Layi, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ssss. Michael Parrilla, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- tttt. Genaro Julian, Gr. 4 – Pending. Not enough CEUs submitted.
- uuuu. Nicolas Estabillo, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- vvvv. Bryan Sarasin Sr., Gr. 2 – Approved.
- www. Bryan Sarasin Jr., Gr. 1 – Approved.
- xxxx. Lawrence Yara, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- yyyy. Keith Key, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- zzzz. Nathan Ota, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- aaaa. Alton Chandler, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- bbbb. John Barclay, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- cccc. Ben Martin, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- dddd. Ronson Kamalii, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- eeee. William Cockman, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ffff. Jay Gonsalves, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- gggg. Joely Galanto, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- hhhh. Carl Lokan, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- iiii. George Paleudis, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- jjjj. Kaleb-John Kaiwi, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- kkkk. Wesley Harshell, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- llll. Edwin Hikosaka, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- mmmm. Kalei Hendershot, Gr. 1 – Approved.

- nnnnn. Troy Shigematsu, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ooooo. Kelly Rapoza, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ppppp. Gillie Silva III, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- qqqqq. Franklin Soriano, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- rrrrr. Gaylord Lewis, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- sssss. David Yamada, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ttttt. Duncan Bamsey, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- uuuuu. Joshua Nunes, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- vvvvv. Jeffrey Harris, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- wwwww. Alan Fukamizu, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- xxxxx. Cassandra Martin, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- yyyyy. David Kadowaki, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- zzzzz. Jason Robinson, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- aaaaa. Lambert Makanui, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- bbbbbb. Charles Andrade, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ccccc. Calvin Ota, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- dddddd. Piilani Watts, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- eeeeee. Steven Asselin, Gr. 4 – Pending. Not enough CEUs submitted.
- fffff. Zachary-Scott Mendes, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- gggggg. Eric Yates, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- hhhhhh. Rico Bascuna, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- iiiii. William Hart, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- jjjjj. Darren Torres, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- kkkkkk. Matthew Ebel, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- lllll. Michael Borge, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- mmmmmm. Alberto Pita, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- nnnnnn. Cy Narusawa, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- oooooo. Pablo Guevara, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- pppppp. Lyman Furuto, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- qqqqqq. Matthew Hamlin, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- rrrrrr. Catherine Soriano, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- ssssss. Howard Greene, Gr. 2 – Approved.

- ttttt. Eric Moriguchi, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- uuuuuu. Priscilla Sobrinho, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- vvvvvv. Kyle Deperalta, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- wwwwww. Matthew Lopez, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- xxxxxx. Gilbert Bettencourt, Gr. 2 - Approved.
- yyyyyy. Skyler Ano, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- zzzzzz. Robert Baltazar, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- aaaaaaa. Matthew Louis, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- bbbbbbb. Kendra Dantzman, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- ccccccc. Everett Allen, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ddddddd. Jules Sualog, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- eeeeeee. Ellen Frosch-Mount, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ffffff. Kathleen Lawson, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ggggggg. Michael Muramoto, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- hhhhhhh. Mark Glaser, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- iiiiiii. Chachleigh Clarabal, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- jjjjjjj. Allen Artaho, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- kkkkkkk. Jeffrey Ancog, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- lllllll. Brandon Silva, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- mmmmmmm. Kimber Deverse, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- nnnnnnn. Randolf Kila, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ooooooo. Brian Lamb, Gr. 4 – Approved.
- ppppppp. Dwayne Fong, Gr. 3 – Approved.
- qqqqqqq. John Wilson, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- rrrrrrr. Rory Belanio, Gr. 1 – Approved.
- sssssss. Mark O’Sullivan, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- ttttttt. Wade Nakayama, Gr. 2 – Approved.
- uuuuuuu. Justin Kawamura, Gr. 2 – Approved.

10. Other

- a. Correction to allowed Work Group hours for Work Experience to take WWTP Optr Exam
 - i. Continue discussion in the next meeting.

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 – 2:15PM

By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: October 24-25, 2024 – Maui at Kihei WWTP

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

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