

# BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant, 95 Kaneohe Bay Drive  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734 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 (not in attendance)  
Virgil Viernes, County of Maui (not in attendance)  
Roger Babcock, P.E., University of Hawaii (not in attendance)

### **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 - 10:10 AM**

**By - Robert Souza**

1. Renewal Application
  - a. Bert Uyeno, Gr. 4 – Pending submission of CEUs.
  - b. Rambeau Gahan, Gr. 4 – Approved.
  - c. Wayne Salas, Gr. 4 – Approved.
  - d. Kealii Aguiar, Gr. 2 – Approved.
  - e. Warren Molale, Gr. 1 – Approved.
  - f. Michael Tugadi, Gr. 4 – Approved.
  - g. Eassie Miller, Gr. 4 – Approved.
  - h. Brawn Albino, Gr. 1 – Approved.
  - i. Nelson Llanes III, Gr. 2 – Approved.
  - j. Victor Moreland, Gr. 4 – Approved.

2. 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. None.

**B. Adjournment: Time - 10:45 PM 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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