

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 2:00 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

Emily Dong, P.E., Professional Engineer in Private Practice

Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai (not in attendance)

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.

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.

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- A. Call to Order: Time - 10:32AM** **By – Robert Souza**
- B.** Public testimony on agenda items
- C.** Reviewed minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on September 26, 2024 and October 11, 2024.
- D. Old Business**
- a. Gilbert Bettencourt, Gr. 2 – Renewal Application (Re-review)
 - i. Approved.
 - b. Bert Uyeno, Gr. 4 – Renewal Application (Re-review)
 - i. Approved.
 - c. Robert Busch, Gr. 4 – Renewal Application (Re-review)
 - i. Approved.
- E. New Business**
- 1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
 - 2. DRC Notification
 - a. None.
 - 3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. None.
 - 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. None.
 - 5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. None.
 - 6. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. Brandon Berinobis, Gr. 3. Approved for Gr. 3 temporary certification.
 - b. Michael Price, Gr. 1. Denied, needs owner's statement.
 - c. Wes Remiticado, Gr. 1. Approved for Gr. 1 temporary certification.
 - 7. Plant Classifications
 - a. None.

8. CBT Exams

- a. Review exam results between September 20, 2024 – Oct 22, 2024
 - i. Grade 1 = 1/2 = 50% passing rate
 - ii. Grade 2 = 1/1 = 100% passing rate
 - iii. Grade 3 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
 - iv. Grade 4 = 0/1 = 0% passing rate
- b. None.

9. Renewal Application

- a. Ronnie Tuliao, Gr. 1. Approved.
- b. Zachary Asato, Gr. 4. Approved.
- c. Brydon Burdett, Gr. 4. Approved.
- d. Dick Lehano-Boyce, Gr. 1. Approved.
- e. Roy Silva, Gr. 2. Approved.
- f. Roy Constantino, Gr. 4. Approved.

10. Other

- a. None.

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. Hours of work verification.

Quorum was not reached in able to have the executive session discussion.

F. Adjournment: Time – 11:10AM

By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: December 5-6, 2024 – Kona at WHCC

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

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