

# BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

## MEETING AGENDA

Date: May 9, 2025 – BOC Meeting      Time: 10:30am – 11:30 am  
Location: Wastewater Branch – EMD Conference Room  
2827 Waimano Home Road  
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782 and via Microsoft Teams meeting  
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Members: Robert Souza, Chair, City and County of Honolulu  
Gary Hutchinson, HWEA  
Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai  
Kevin Nakamura, Private Sector  
Virgil Viernes, County of Maui  
Maria Yamashita, Department of Health

### 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.

## 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 March 6, 2025.
- D. Old Business**
  - a. James Huchel, Gr. 4 – Renewal Application (Re-review) – Approved for Grade 4.
- E. New Business**
  - 1. Review Exam Results, if available before the meeting.
  - 2. DRC Notification
    - a. Honouliuli WWTP
      - i. DRC notification form accepted for Dennis Venturini (Grade 4) as primary DRC and Warren Abamonga (Grade 4) for secondary DRC for Honouliuli WWTP.
    - b. Kailua WWTP
      - i. DRC notification form accepted for Herman Ellis, III (Gr. 4) as primary DRC and Justin Clute (Gr. 4) for secondary DRC for Kailua WWTP.
  - 3. Requests for Reciprocity
    - a. None.
  - 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
    - a. Carlos Lugo – Sun Coast Learning – Basic Wastewater. Approved for 1.25 CEUs.
  - 5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
    - a. Robin Collins – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Virtual National Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Drill. Approved for 0.25 CEUs.
    - b. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Wastewater Pumps Operation (Online). Approved for 0.25 CEUs.
    - c. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Wastewater Composition and Characteristics (Online). Approved for 0.125 CEUs.

- d. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Inspection and Maintenance of Centrifugal Pumps (Online). Approved for 0.1875 CEUs.
  - e. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Asset Management (Online). Approved for 0.125 CEUs.
  - f. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Inspection and Maintenance of Wastewater Pumps (Online). Approved for 0.125 CEUs.
  - g. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Wastewater Pumping (Online). Approved for 0.1875 CEUs.
  - h. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Maintenance of Wastewater Systems (Online). Approved for 0.125 CEUs.
  - i. Nathan Benamouzig – Watura – Sewer Systems. Approved for 0.125 CEUs.
  - j. Charron Duhon – CSUS – Manage for Success. Approved for 3.50 CEUs.
6. Request for Temporary Certification
- a. None.
7. Plant Classifications
- a. None.
8. CBT Exams
- a. Review exam results between March 4, 2025 – April 23, 2025
    - i. Grade 1 = 0/3 = 0% passing rate
    - ii. Grade 2 = 0/4 = 0% passing rate
    - iii. Grade 3 = 1/3 = 33% passing rate
    - iv. Grade 4 = 0/7 = 0% passing rate
  - b. Form 1 Applications
    - i. Randy, Hanes, Gr. 4 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 4 exam.
    - ii. Warren Molale, Gr. 2 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 2 exam.
    - iii. Felicia Ah Tou, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.

- iv. Joseph Gramegna, Gr. 1 – Form 1. Approved to take Gr. 1 exam.
9. August Paper Exam
- a. None.
10. Other
- a. Charles Johns – DRC at Molokai Shores WWTP End of Term. BOC has acknowledged.
  - b. Missed scheduled CBT examinations. Operator will need to resubmit application and payment.
  - c. WPI Testing Service Agreement. Renew Agreement and to send copy BOC members.
  - d. Operator Hard Copy File Storage. Pulled aside expired and deceased.
  - e. Aaron Bruce. To be on CBT to take Grade 3.
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 - 11:45am By – Robert Souza**

Next Scheduled BOC meeting: June 26-27, 2025 – Kauai at KDHO Reading Room

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – August 21, 2025, 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.nagato@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:Jonathan.nagato@doh.hawaii.gov) no later than 5 days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.