

**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**December 9, 2014**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:00 AM on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Charles Brown, Chairman.

The following members and guests were present:

Members Present:

Steve Scruggs	Linda Raynor	Wendell Pickett	Danny Sloan
Charles Brown	Leslie Carreiro	David Schaad	

Guests:

Stephen Denning	Sally Meacham	Debbie Soles
Heather Cagle	Cindy Gall	Russ Elmore
Jay Frick		

Charles Brown read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day's agenda items. Danny Sloan stated that he had a potential conflict with the agenda item concerning John Garland and that he would recuse himself from that discussion.

The first item of Board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Charles Brown called for a motion to accept the minutes. Wendell Pickett made a motion to accept the minutes and Leslie Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Charles Brown asked if there were any comments from the attending public. Cindy Gall, administrator for NCWOA, introduced Heather Cagle, a new program assistant for NCWOA.

**The next item of business was certification reinstatement requests.**

The Board received a letter from Jeff Crisco requesting that he be able to regain his C-Distribution certification again. Mr. Crisco's C-Distribution expired in 2010 after failing to get his continuing education hours due to his military deployments and training schedule. Wendell Pickett made the motion that Mr. Crisco be able to regain his C-Distribution certification after paying one year of renewal fees and passing his C-Distribution exam within one year. Linda Raynor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a letter from Salvatore Speziale requesting that he be able to regain his B-Distribution certification again. Mr. Speziale's B-Distribution expired in 2012, but has paid all back fees. Leslie Carreiro made the motion that Mr. Speziale be able to apply for the B-Distribution certification within one year. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a letter from James Shaw requesting that he be able to regain his C-Distribution and C-Well certifications again. Mr. Shaw's C-Distribution and C-Well certifications both expired in 2012. Leslie Carreiro made the motion that Mr. Shaw be able to regain his C-Distribution and C-Well certifications after paying two years of renewal fees and late fees and taking and passing his C-Distribution and C-Well exam within one year. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a letter Shashi Bhatta requesting that she be able to regain her B-Well certification again. Ms. Bhatta's B-Well certification expired in 2007. Danny Sloan made the motion that Ms. Bhatta be able to regain her B-Well certification after paying two years of renewal fees and late fees, retaking the B-Well school, and taking and passing the B-Well exam within one year. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a letter from Howard Neely requesting that he be able to regain his Cross-Connection certification again. Mr. Neely's Cross-Connection certification expired in 2009. Leslie Carreiro made the motion that Mr. Neely be able to regain his Cross-Connection certification after paying two years of renewal fees and late fees and taking and passing his Cross-Connection exam within one year. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a letter from John Wilhelm requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Well certification. Mr. Wilhelm's C-Surface certification expired in 2004. Danny Sloan made the motion that Mr. Wilhelm be able to get his C-Well certification after paying two years of renewal fees and late fees and taking and passing the C-Well exam within one year. Wendell Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was ORC exception requests.**

The Board received a permission request from Roy Alons for the following ORC designations:

Town of Edenton	0421010	C-Well	Chowan Co.
Town of Edenton	0421010	B-Distribution	Chowan Co

Danny Sloan made a motion to approve the request. Leslie Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Tommy Kost for the following ORC designations:

Town of Oakboro	0184020	C-Well	Stanly Co.
Town of Oakboro	0184020	B-Distribution	Stanly Co.

Wendell Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Ronnie Reece for the following ORC designations:

Powder Horn Mountain	0195122	C-Well	Watauga Co.
Chapel Hill S/D	0195108	C-Well	Watauga Co.
Crest View Estates	0195128	C-Well	Mecklenburg Co.
Blue Ridge Manor - Nikanor	0105104	C-Well	Ashe Co.
Ashe Lake – Holiday Lane	0105101	C-Well	Ashe Co.
Ashe Lake – Beaver Creek	0105109	C-Well	Ashe Co.

Leslie Carreiro made a motion to approve the request. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Mickey Watson for the following ORC designations:

Chowan County	0421015	Cross-Connection	Chowan Co.
Chowan County	0421015	A-Distribution	Chowan Co.
Chowan County	0421015	B-Well	Chowan Co.

Danny Sloan made a motion to approve the request. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Louis Manring for the following ORC designations:

Washington County	0494025	B-Distribution	Washington Co.
Washington County	0494025	B-Well	Washington Co.

Danny Sloan made a motion to approve the request. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Michael Medlin for the following ORC designations:

Town of Stedman	0326030	B-Distribution	Cumberland Co.
Southpoint Subdivision	5026026	B-Distribution	Cumberland Co.
Town of Autryville	0382045	B-Distribution	Sampson Co.
Sampson County Wtr Dist. II – Dunn	0382070	Cross-Connection	Sampson Co.
Sampson County Wtr Dist I – Clinton	0382050	Cross-Connection	Sampson Co.

Leslie Carreiro made a motion to approve the request. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from Christopher Fuller for the following ORC designations:

Town of Vass	0363045	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
East Moore Water District	5063011	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - Hyland Hills	0363103	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - Seven Lakes	0363117	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - Pinehurst	0363108	A-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - Robbins	0363155	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co - Addor	0363153	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. – Carolina	0363152	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - West Moore	5063023	B-Distribution	Moore Co.
Moore Co. - High Falls	5063021	B-Distribution	Moore Co.

Danny Sloan made a motion to approve the request. Wendell Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received a permission request from John Garland requesting to be the surface water ORC for the Town of Mocksville. Mr. Garland’s residence is more than 50 miles away from the water plant, but he has been placed in a hotel in Mocksville while serving as the ORC. Leslie Carreiro made a motion to approve the request. Steve Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was temporary certification requests. There were none.**

**The next item of business was out-of-state requests. There were none.**

**The next item of business was other requests.**

The Board received a resume and request from Russ Elmore asking for a waiver to the acceptable experience requirements listed under NCAC 18D .0105 (1)(b). Mr. Elmore was attending the meeting in person to answer any questions the board had for him. Mr. Elmore explained that he believed he did similar work to what is performed by the Public Water Supply Section employees and that he deserved a similar exemption. Leslie Carreiro made a motion that an exception to the rule not be granted because it was not in the board’s power to make an exception to the rule that is already in place. David Schaad seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item of business was classification of water treatment facilities.**

The following new system classifications were submitted by the various Regional Offices for the Board’s approval:

- Emmaus Baptist Church – C-Well(<100 connections)
- Camp Glen Arden – D-Well(<100 connections)

Danny Sloan made a motion to approve the changed classification as submitted. David Schaad seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The next item on the agenda was Board Issues –Rules**

Jay Frick provided the board with an update on the HB 74 rules review process and provided the board with an updated spreadsheet of the various rules and classifications. Mr. Frick also provided the board with the public comments that were received during the comment period of 9/18/14 – 11/23/14. David Schaad made a motion to approve the board’s determinations and submit the report and associated HB 74 documents, including public comments, to the rules review committee for review. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jay Frick presented the board with a draft web statement addressing SB 761 veteran licensure. Mr. Frick also discussed the advantages of using the military’s VMET form as a reference tool when evaluating veterans for examination qualifications. David Schaad made a motion that the staff move forward with a statement on the certification board’s website concerning veteran licensure and for the staff to proceed with the development of an application for

veteran licensure that charges a \$50 fee and requires the VMET to accompany it. Mr. Schaad's motion also include that the applications come to the board at their quarterly meetings. Wendell Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a request from Ron Istre asking that he be allowed to qualify for a distribution certification based on his military training and experience. Wendell Pickett made a motion to approve him to sit for a C-Distribution exam. Leslie Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board thereafter clarified that if Mr. Istre wishes to immediately sit for a higher level of exam instead of taking the C-Distribution, he should submit an additional request to the board and not submit an application to take the C-Distribution exam.

Jay Frick provided the board with an Operator Certification Program update. He stated that the on-site exam lab was coming along slowly, but still making progress. Mr. Frick also announced Steve Reid as the new supervisor for the operator certification program.

**The next item of business was education.**

Charles Brown asked the board members to review the exam results from the September 30th and October 30th exams.

Charles Brown asked for volunteers to proctor the February 26<sup>th</sup> paper exams. Steve Scruggs volunteered to proctor the Raleigh exam site, Charles Brown volunteered to proctor the Snow Hill exam site, and Leslie Carreiro volunteered to proctor the Morganton site.

**The next item of business was other.**

Charles Brown asked for nominations for new officers for 2015.

Linda Raynor nominated Danny Sloan to serve as chairman of the Certification Board. David Schaad seconded the motion. The motion passed. Linda Raynor nominated David Schaad to serve as vice chair. Danny Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Linda Raynor nominated Steve Scruggs to serve as second vice chair. Leslie Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Charles Brown asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Sally Meacham announced that she is retiring as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and that this is her last meeting with the Board.

Charles Brown stated the next meeting date would be March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Charles Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. David Schaad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendell Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Denning, Board Secretary