# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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#### **MINUTES**

## State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

# Regular Meeting – June 9, 2022

#### A. <u>Call to Order and Sign-In</u>

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals ("the Board") was called to order on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 9:30 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, D. Fiereck, L. Muratore, R. Dirienzo, R. Good and D. Wolfram were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, and Selena Thornhill-Moody from DEEP, D. Wrinn and Lori Dibella representing the Attorney General's Office, and Nelson Walter, Dan Nelson and Seth Molofsky representing EPOC were also present on the Zoom call for the meeting. This meeting is being held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 12, 2022 were read and approved; motion by R. Dirienzo, seconded by D. Wolfram, passed unanimously.

## C. Public Participation

Mr. Molofsky provided summary of the Personify Classroom software that will be used by EPOC for on-demand courses tracking. EPOC has two courses on the agenda that will be provided using the on-demand format.

## D. <u>Unfinished Business and General Orders</u>

#### **Retirement Announcements**

Chair Collette indicated that Carol Violette has agreed to continue as a Board Member until a replacement for her position is selected.

Chair Collette indicated that positions that are available to be filled on the Board include a person representing the business community (currently held by C. Violette), an LEP that also holds a PE license and a member of an environmental organization.

David Wrinn provided a farewell address to the Board as he will be retiring by the end of the month after a 34.5-year career with the AG's Office. Lori DiBella will be taking over Mr.

Wrinn's responsibilities with the Board. Mr. Wrinn thanked the Board and the Department for all of the stimulating work that has kept him engaged over the many years of his state service. He wished the Board great success in the future.

Chair Collette recognized Mr. Wrinn's service to the Board, to DEEP and to the State of Connecticut.

- J. Adams thanked Mr. Wrinn for his service. He indicated that Mr. Wrinn was only the second AG representative in the 25 history of the Board. He thanked Mr. Wrinn for his professionalism and his assistance with disciplinary actions and all other matters that required legal assistance.
- R. Good thanked Mr. Wrinn for his assistance and opinions with disciplinary matters and with all other issues that have come before the Board.

Ms. McAuliffe thanked Mr. Wrinn for all of his support over the years and the balance of expectations between the Department and the public. His positive attitude was always welcomed.

Dan Wolfram wished Mr. Wrinn luck and hoped he had many adventures to come.

Ms. DiBella wished Mr. Wrinn a happy and healthy retirement and indicated that he had placed her in a great position to take over his responsibilities with the Board.

Mr. Wrinn thanked Chair Collette for the years that they have worked together and indicated that the transition between Board Chair's has always been seamless as will the transition between AG Representatives.

## **May 2022 Exam Results**

Ms. McAuliffe reported that nine candidates had passed the exam and six candidates were unsuccessful. Two candidate elected not to sit for this exam. She credited the examination preparation classes offered by EPOC as contributing to the improved passing scores. Letters were sent to all candidates this week notifying them of the results.

A motion to recommend to the Commissioner that those candidates who received a passing score on the 2022 LEP Examination be issued licenses was made by J. Adams and seconded by D. Wolfram, passed unanimously.

## D. <u>New Business</u>

## **Issuance of License Renewals**

Liz McAuliffe reported that there were only 9 LEPs that chose not to renew their licenses.

Motion to authorize Commissioner to issue licenses to those who filed timely and sufficient renewal applications by J. Adams, second by R. Dirienzo; approved unanimously. Motion to authorize Commissioner to waive the deadline and issue licenses to those who requested a waiver of the deadline and filed a sufficient renewal application after June 1, 2022 but before June 14, 2022 by J. Adams, second by D. Wolfram; approved unanimously.

Motion to authorize Commissioner to waive the deadline to those who requested a waiver, apply a 10% late fee, and issue licenses to those who filed a sufficient renewal application on or after June 14, 2022 but before July 1, 2022 by J. Adams, second by D. Fiereck approved unanimously.

Chair Collette reiterated that any renewal applications submitted untimely and insufficient expire as a matter of law on July 1st. Provisions do exist in the regulations to reinstate a license with certain additional payments.

#### **Course Related Requests**

Approval request from Rutgers NJAES-OCPE, for a conference titled, "MGP Conference 2022 Program" to be held September 28-30, 2022 for 14.0 CECs. A motion was made by D. Wolfram, seconded by D. Fiereck to approve the course for 6.25 CECs, passed unanimously. The Board did not approve Session 7 for credit and as a conference, half credit is awarded.

Alpha Analytical submitted a draft application for sponsorship and for the course length/CEC evaluated by Byron Raych, P.E. of Barton and Loguidice. The Board generally supported the application with revision. A motion to table the application until revisions are received from the applicant was made by D. Wolfram, seconded by L. Muratore, passed unanimously.

Approval request from the EPOC for an On-Demand Course titled, "*Identification and Delineation of NAPL Source Term Using Laser Induced Fluorescence Screening Tools*" for 4.0 CECs. This course was previously approved as a webinar and was given Course No. 482W. A motion was made by R. Dirienzo seconded by R. Good to approve the course for 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously.

Approval request from the EPOC for an On-Demand Course titled, "Using Simplicity to Address Contaminant Problems Under Conditions of Uncertainty" for 4.0 CECs. This course was previously approved as a webinar and was given Course No. 524W. A motion was made by D. Wolfram seconded by R. Good to approve the course for 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously.

#### Additional Information

Next meeting is July 14, 2022 at 9:30AM.

#### E. Adjournment

On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by R. Dirienzo, Chair Collette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Minutes were approved on July 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams Board Secretary