

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – March 13, 2014

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A special meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals ("the Board") was called to order on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 9:02 AM in Russell Room, 3rd Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board members J. Adams, S. Holtman, E. Patton, R. Good and J. Loureiro were present in person. Board members K. Meloy and A. Phillips-Griggs joined the meeting by phone. Also present was Board Administrator Kim Maiorano and Nelson Walter (by phone) representing the EPOC.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 16, 2014 were read and approved with minor changes; motion by J. Loureiro, second: R. Good passed unanimously.

The draft minutes of the Special Board meeting of February 20, 2014 were read and approved with minor changes; motion by K. Meloy, second by S. Holtman; passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

N. Walter indicated that EPOC had submitted a request for an RSR course and requested that a new number be assigned since the course content had been revised to reflect the recent regulatory changes.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Distance learning – status of chgs to regs

Chair Ruzicka reported that she has responded to numerous questions from the Governor's Office. No approval had been provided as of this date. Chair Ruzicka had discussed the lack of a minimum education requirements in the current regulations with Jack Looney and he thought the current regulations could be modified in this approval cycle to reflect a minimal revision.

Update on complaints 11-102 & 11-103

J. Loureiro reported that the matter continues under review. A compliance meeting is pending for both LEPs.

Update on complaint 13-101

Chair Ruzicka had received an email from a person relative to this complaint. She will forward the email to K. Meloy and R. Good for evaluation. The complaint continues to be evaluated.

Legislation

Chair Ruzicka asked that EPOC and Board members report back if they become aware of any legislation that may impact LEPs.

HB 5544 – Act Concerning Brownfields and HB 5573 – An Act Concerning Brownfield Remediation and Development, both have some tweaks to the program including interim Verifications and other revisions that may impact LEPs. A subcommittee comprised of S. Holtman and J. Loureiro were volunteered to review the proposed legislation. N. Walter reported that EPOC had reviewed HB 5544 and did not have objections to the proposed revisions.

Correspondence – Course Approval

A motion was made by A. Phillips-Griggs to add an item to the agenda a review of a letter from NEWMOA regarding the Boards denial of accreditation of the course titled "Communicating Risk to the Public" in the February Board meeting. The motion was seconded by S. Holtman and passed unanimously. Chair Ruzicka indicated that the primary argument was that the course was approved by MA for LSP credit. S. Holtman indicted he was not persuaded by the letter to reconsider. The collective wisdom of the Board was that the course content did not meet the regulatory requirements.

Correspondence – Applications

A motion was made to add to the agenda a review of a letter from applicant #201401231 who was denied entrance to the exam by S. Holtman and seconded by J. Loureiro, passed unanimously. Chair Ruzicka read the letter and the application was subsequently reviewed by Board members.

A motion to reconsider application #201401231 and grant entrance to the 2014 examination was made by J. Loureiro and seconded by R. Good, passed unanimously.

E. New Business

Course Approval Requests

Course approval request from the Mass LSP Association for a course titled *Air and Soil Gas Sample Collection and Analysis: How to Collect Relevant & Representative Data* for 4.0 CECs. Motion to approve for 4.0 CECs by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman; passed unanimously.

Course approval request from an LEP for *Development of IGW SRS Using SESOIL and AT123D Vadose Zone & Groundwater Monitoring* for 16 CECs. Motion to approve for 16.0 CECs by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Loureiro; passed unanimously.

Course approval request from EPOC for course titled *CT DEEP RSR Seminar -2014* for 8.0 CECs. Motion to approve for 8.0 CECs with a new course number by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Loureiro; passed unanimously.

Course approval request from EPOC for course titled *Direct Push Methods for Groundwater Sampling to Support High resolution Site Characterization* for 8.0 CECs. Motion to approve for 8.0 CECs by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman; passed unanimously.

Reminders

Item Development Workshop is scheduled for May 21st. Volunteers included Elsie Patton and Evan Glass. Robert Good volunteered himself or an alternative LEP from LBG. Nelson Walter will ask EPOC for volunteers.

Test Assembly Workshop June 25th. Volunteers included John Adams, Steve Holtman, Robert Potterton and Kelly Meloy. Robert Good volunteered himself or an alternative LEP from LBG.

Next regular meeting is April 10, 2014. It is critical to have a quorum so that we may consider the remaining applications at this meeting. Board members are asked to please make every effort to attend.

F. Adjournment

Upon a motion by S. Holtman, seconded by R. Good, Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Minutes approved April 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams

Board Co-Secretary