

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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Kelly Meloy, LEP
Elsie Patton
Alisa Phillips-Griggs
Carol Violette, PhD, CHMM

MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – March 12, 2020

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:37 AM in the Russell Room on the 3rd floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford and via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, R. Good, C. Violette, S. Holtman, A. Phillips-Griggs, M. Gamache, K. Meloy, and J. Loureiro were present via Zoom. Board Administrator K. Maiorano and Jacques Gilbert of DEEP, were present in the Russell Room and Mike Cote and Nelson Walter representing EPOC also were present on the call for the meeting.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 20, 2020 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman, passed unanimously, with J. Loureiro abstaining.

C. Public Participation

Nelson Walter indicated that there were EPOC courses scheduled that had been canceled and he was inquiring whether courses could be converted to distance learning. K. Maiorano indicated that the distance learning provisions of the regulations would apply. Chair Collette indicated that the Governor’s office had inquired as to whether the Department had any immediate needs that would require an Executive Order to accommodate a compliance. Although not immediate, Chair Collette indicated that this issue could be flagged as requiring future action by the Governor. A. Phillips-Griggs suggested that the interpretation of attendance and/or the assessment of learning provision could be interpreted to consider greater use of distance learning. C. Violette suggested an extension of the time frame. Chair Collette pointed out that the distance learning quota could be extended beyond 12 CECs.

Nelson Walter also indicated that the RSR course would be cancelled, but the DEEP staff had offered to provide a 2-hour seminar to those individuals that were scheduled to take the exam this year. Nelson asked whether he could get a list of people that were scheduled to take the exam. K. Maiorano agreed that she would send the list of those admitted to the exam to Nelson and Seth.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #17-102

J. Loureiro indicated they had met with the LEP and their counsel and settlement discussions were held. The LEP had indicated he would be back to the members within a few weeks regarding the settlement offer.

Update on complaints #18-102

R. Good indicated that a letter was sent to the LEP indicating that the matter was being referred to the Board for further action. This action usually prompts a call to David Wrinn from the LEP's Counsel to discuss settlement or other measures to resolve the complaint.

Update on complaint #18-103

J. Adams reported that a response to a letter that was sent to the LEP requesting additional information. The response was under review.

Update on complaints #19-101, 19-102 and 19-103

S. Holtman and K. Meloy reported that meeting was held with the Complainant and information gathered during the investigation process was provided. A letter was being drafted to be sent to the three LEPs indicating that the matter had been closed by the Board and further action was not warranted. A letter was also being drafted to send to the Complainant indicating the Boards resolution of the matter.

Use of the Seal

Chair Collette summarized the discussions from the previous meeting. A copy of the letter sent to the LEP had been shared with the Board. He indicated that due to the language it was not possible to provide a precise answer to the question. M. Cote requested a copy of the letter that was sent to the LEP regarding the use of the seal. K. Maiorano will provide a copy of the letter to Mr. Cote.

E. New Business

Course Approvals

Course approval request from Alpha Analytical for course titled "**PFAS in Connecticut: The Latest Developments**" for 3 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman, the course was approved for 2.0 credits, passed unanimously.

Course approval request from Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) for workshop titled "**Brownfield's Coalition of the Northeast's (BCONE) – Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop (NSCW) 2020**" for 2 technical and 2 regulatory CECs. Motion to deny credit by Kelly Meloy seconded by S. Holtman passes unanimously.

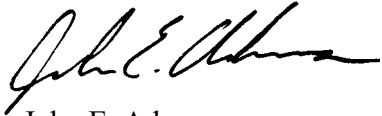
Next meeting is April 9, 2020 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by S. Holtman, seconded by K. Meloy and passed unanimously, Chair Collette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:09AM.

Minutes were approved on April 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John E. Adams
Board Secretary