

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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Kenneth M. Collette, Esq., Chair
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Michelle Gamache
Robert F. Good, Jr., LEP
Kelly Meloy, LEP
Alisa Phillips-Griggs
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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – October 14, 2021

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, October 14, 2021 at 9:35 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, M. Gamache, K. Meloy and R. Good were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Jacques Gilbert, and Selena Thornhill-Moody of DEEP, David Wrinn representing the Attorney General’s Office and Nelson Walter 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 and the Governor’s Executive Orders prohibiting the physical gathering of persons.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 9, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by M. Gamache, seconded by K. Meloy, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter reported that EPOC had held their scholarship golf tournament and it was nice to finally get together in person. EPOC’s Annual Meeting will take place virtually next week. Chair Collette asked Mr. Walter to canvass the EPOC community for interest in becoming members of the Board. Chair Collette indicated that with the recent resignation by Elsie Patton and the announcement of Alisa Phillips-Griggs retirement there will two openings for members of the environmental community who do not need to be LEPs. These openings are in addition to two openings for PE/LEPs (S. Holman and J. Loureiro) and an LEP position that will become available in January with the retirement of K. Meloy. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe indicated there are at least 4 applications that have been processed by the Governor’s office.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Board Retirement Announcements

Alisa Phillips-Griggs has submitted a letter indicating she will be retiring and will resign from the Board following the December meeting. Kelly Meloy announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year and will also be resigning from the Board. As previously indicated, these retirements will create five vacancies on the Board.

Update on Item Development scheduled for September 14-15th

Liz McAuliffe reported that D. Wolfram, John Insall, Joe Trzaski, Carl Gruszczak and Kevin Vanderveer participated in this successful workshop.

Update on Test Assembly scheduled for October 5-6th.

Liz McAuliffe reported that R. Good, J. Adams, Gail Batchelder, Sam Haydock Claire Quinn and Jeff Wilcox participated in this workshop. A draft test was completed and is under review by Scantron.

J. Adams recalled that at a previous meeting the Board discussed limiting the number of questions that asked for the “best” answer or “most” correct. The Scantron staff member Joe Brinn indicated these types of questions require a higher level of assessment by the test taker and Gail Batchelder reported that the consultants assisting with the MA LSP exam prohibits these types of items from being included in the test. Due to the way the current test was developed (Scantron pre-assembled the test and we reviewed each item) versus the in-person process where all items in each category were distributed to the test assembly participants and the participants selected the items to be included on the exam, the time allotted did not allow the exclusion of the numerous items containing “most” and “best”. J. Adams suggested that if a meaningful change to the exam was to be accomplished, an in-person workshop would be required.

R. Good indicated that in most situations, a clear answer was available for each of the questions included in this exam, however he agreed that a rework of the exam should be undertaken for future years.

J. Adams revealed that the analysis of each questions for the ability of a minimally qualified LEP candidate to answer the question correctly, the relevance of the question and the ability to cause harm was not being done for the virtual workshops. In-person workshops had included this analysis.

Liz McAuliffe reported that the exam has not been recalibrated in 20 years and there is a need to do this procedure to eliminate creep in one direction or the other regarding the passing score. Liz thought that the contract with Scantron was in force through December 2022.

Chair Collette believed it may be best to evaluate the results from the 2022 exam, use this information to revise the psychometric scope for a future contract or amendment to the existing contract.

E. New Business

Complaint Concerning an LEP Received on September 13, 2021

Chair Collette appointed R. Good and M. Gamache to perform the initial review.

Course Approvals

A course approval request from AEHS to add one session and one workshop to the previously approved Conference/Workshop CTLEP-547, *37th Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water, & Energy Webinar*, October 18 – 21, 2021. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams, *Session 25 An Update on the State of the Science of HRSC* was approved for 1.0 CECs and *Workshop 8 Combining HRSC and Sustainable Remediation Technology to Reduce the Life Cycle Cost for UST Site Closure* was approved for 2.0 CEC in a unanimous vote.

Course approval request from National Ground Water Association for the approval of a conference titled *“2021 NGWA Groundwater Summit2* for 9.83 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams, the request was approved unanimously for a maximum of 5.5 CECs. The conference sessions comprised of 20-minute talks were given half credit per the Boards policy regarding conferences and workshops consisting of one hour or more talks were given full credit.

Approved Sessions limited to:

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Groundwater Remediation I - 0.5 CECs
- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 1:40 PM – 2:40 PM Groundwater Remediation I - 0.5 CECs
- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:50 PM – 3:50 PM Groundwater Remediation I - 0.5 CECs
- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Tackling PFAS Contamination Through the Courts Workshop – 1.0 CECs
- Wednesday, December 8, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Innovative Tools and Techniques for Monitoring and Managing Karst Groundwater Systems Extended Learning Session – 1.5 CECs
- Wednesday, December 8, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Data Management Advances for Continuous Groundwater Networks Workshop – 1.0 CECs
- Wednesday, December 8, 2020 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM Groundwater Remediation II - 0.5 CECs
- Wednesday, December 8, 2020 2:10 PM – 4:40 PM Anything Else Groundwater – 0.5 CECs (Only sessions below approved in Anything Else Groundwater)
 - Evaluation of the Tidal Anacostia River Surface Water-Groundwater Interaction Using a Flow and Transport Groundwater Model
 - Coupled Groundwater-Surface Water Modeling to Evaluate Flooding Remedies
 - HAZKarst: A Framework for Responding to Urban Contamination in Karst Aquifer Systems

Course approval request from LSP Association for the approval of a webinar titled *“In Situ Remediation Monitoring Programs”* for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by R. Good, the request was approved unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

Course approval request from American Ground Water Trust for the approval of a webinar titled *“Northeast Managing PFAS at Source Webinar”* for 3.75 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by M. Gamache, the request was denied by a unanimous vote. It was unclear from materials provided how monitoring of attendance would be conducted.

Course approval request from National Ground Water Association for the approval of a conference titled "**Groundwater Week 2021** for 6.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by M. Gamache, the request was approved unanimously for a maximum of 3.0 CECs. Each of the four approved session receives 1.0 CEC, however two talks overlap resulting in a maximum total number of CECs equal to 3.0 CECs.

Approved Sessions limited to:

- Monitoring Nitrate Contamination in Aquifers
- Hydrogeochemistry: Recent Advances and Opportunities and Challenges Ahead
- Innovative Tools and Techniques for Monitoring and Managing Karst Groundwater Systems
- The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Innovative Treatment Options for Established and Emerging Water Quality Challenges

Additional Information

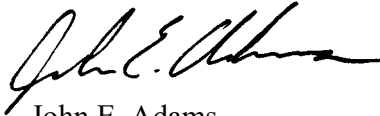
Next meeting is November 18, 2021 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by K. Meloy, passed unanimously, Chair Colette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Minutes were approved on November 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary