

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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Kenneth M. Collette, Esq., Chair
John Adams, LEP
Michelle Gamache
Robert F. Good, Jr., LEP
Jeffrey Loureiro, PE, LEP
Kelly Meloy, LEP
Alisa Phillips-Griggs
Carol Violette, PhD, CHMM
Dan Wolfram, LEP

MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – June 10, 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, June 10, 2021 at 9:37 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, D. Wolfram, M. Gamache, A. Phillips-Griggs, J. Loureiro and R. Good were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Jacques Gilbert, and Selena Thornhill-Moody of DEEP, 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 May 13, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by M. Gamache, seconded by D. Wolfram, passed unanimously with J. Loureiro and R. Good abstaining.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter had nothing to report except he has a new puppy named Luna.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on Test Development in Light of February 2021 Amendments to the Regulations

Liz McAuliffe reported that she had a conversation with Scantron and based on that discussion has secured the assistance from a number of DEEP Remediation staff who will review test questions for appropriateness in consideration of the Wave 2 revisions in August. During the August Board meeting, she will seek approval of the Team to undertake item development on September 14th and 15th, and the Test Assembly on October 5th and 6th.

Update on Test Question Classifications

Liz McAuliffe reported that a number of documents had been placed on the Sharepoint Site relating to this subject for the consideration of the Board. Future discussion is anticipated.

E. New Business

Issuance of License Renewals

Liz McAuliffe reported that there are 236 applications for renewal that have been reviewed and are ready for approval. There are another 75 applications that have been received and are in the process of being reviewed for CECs.

Motion to authorize Commissioner to issue licenses to those who filed timely and sufficient renewal applications by J. Loureiro, second by R. Good; 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, 2021 but before June 14, 2021 by J. Loureiro, second by A. Phillips-Griggs; 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, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 by J. Loureiro, second by J. Adams approved unanimously.

Any renewal applications submitted untimely and insufficient expire as a matter of law on July 1st.

Issuance of New Licenses

Motion to add an item to issue a license to those individuals that passed the May 2021 exam was made by A. Phillips-Griggs, seconded by D. Wolfram passed unanimously.

Liz McAuliffe reported that 12 individuals took the exam and one person passed the exam.

Motion to authorize the Commissioner to issue licenses to the individual that receive a passing score on the May 2021 LEP Exam, by J. Loureiro, second by R. Good, passed unanimously.

Course Approvals

Course approval request from Rutgers NJAES-OCPE for the approval of a webinar titled **“BCONE - NSCW 2021”** for 8.5 CECs. On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by R. Good, the request was denied unanimously.

Course approval request from National Ground Water Association for the approval of a webinar titled **“Fate of PFAS: From Groundwater to Tap Water (#5010)”** for 8.66 CECs. On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by R. Good, the request was approved unanimously for 4.0 CECs as a seminar.

Course approval request from LSPA for the approval of a webinar titled **“Principles of Risk Communication, Applied to PFAS Site Issues”** for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was approved unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

Course approval request from LSPA for the approval of a webinar titled **“The Glacial Geology of Southern New England”** for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by R. Good, the request was approved unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

Additional Information

Chair Collette reminded the Board that this is Jeff Loureiro’s last meeting as he will be retiring and letting his license lapse. Chair Collette thanked Mr. Loureiro for his service to the profession and the State of Connecticut and indicated that he always appreciated Jeff’s counsel on difficult matters, particularly during the early days of his chairmanship.

J. Adams thanked Jeff and indicated that he was a consummate professional. He has provided tremendous service and his presence on the Board will be missed.

A. Phillips-Griggs thanked Jeff and indicated his knowledge and expertise will be missed. Thank you, Jeff.

M. Gamache thanked Jeff and wished him good luck.

R. Good indicated that Jeff was considered a patriarch on the Board and he appreciated his opinions and that he will be missed. He wished Jeff all the best

Jacques Gilbert thanked Jeff for his service and indicated that he enjoyed his sense of humor, appreciated Jeff’s ability to deeply understand issues and his professionalism. The support provided to support Kim was much appreciated.

Selena Thornhill-Moody indicated she enjoyed meeting Jeff and indicated that his reputation for being a professional and providing significant input into Board matters was certainly lived up to.

Nelson Walter said that he has been impressed by Jeff’s professionalism and that he has been the voice of reason solving many difficult issues. The profession will miss Jeff and that he was glad to be able to get to know Jeff.

Jeff then indicated that he will miss serving on the Board, members are very professional and donate much of their time to the Board, it has been a privilege to serve on the Board.

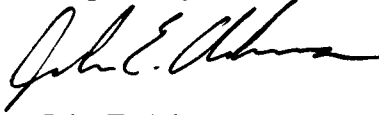
Next meeting is July 8, 2021 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by R. Good, passed unanimously, Chair Colette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Minutes were approved on July 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John E. Adams
Board Secretary