

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – March 11, 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, March 11, 2021 at 9:35 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, K. Meloy, D. Wolfram, M. Gamache and J. Loureiro were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Jacques Gilbert, and Selena Thornhill-Moody of DEEP, D. Wrinn, Counsel to the Board from the Attorney General’s Office, Mike Cote 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 February 16, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by J. Loureiro, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter reported that some EPOC members are having problems getting sufficient credit to fulfill the biennial licensure requirements. Chair Collette reminded the Board that during the April 2020 meeting distance learning credits were increased from 12 to 24 credits for the period from July 2019 to June 2021. The live webinars are considered in person classes and are not subject to the distance learning restrictions. The sentiment of the Board was that there are and have been sufficient courses to fulfill the requirement and the executive orders do not provide relieve from this requirement. Individual hardships will be considered by the Board in the context of the regulations.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on Complaint 21-100

On a motion by J. Loureiro seconded by J. Adams the complaint was administratively closed on a unanimous vote. The matter may be reconsidered at a future time by the Board.

Update on complaint #17-102

D. Wrinn reported that the LEP had signed the Consent Order and he was awaiting a signature from the Commissioner's representative. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams the Board authorized the Commissioner to sign the consent order which included disciplinary actions, additional CECs and a letter of reprimand, passes unanimously.

Update on comings and goings from the Board

Elsie Patton has resigned from the Board.

E. New Business

Course Approvals

Course approval request from EBC for the approval of a webinar titled "***Emerging Contaminants Webinar: The Latest Info on 1,4-Dioxane***" for 2.0 or 2.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Loureiro, the request was approved unanimously for 2.5 CECs.

Course approval request from EBC for the approval of a webinar titled "***Rhode Island Emerging Contaminants Program: Understanding the Science and Toxicity of PFAS – A Deeper Dive***" for 3.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by D. Wolfram, the request was approved unanimously for 2.5 CECs.

Course approval request from EBC for the approval of a webinar titled "***Connecticut Emerging Contaminants Webinar: Understanding the Toxicity, Analytical Issues & Regulatory Implications of PFAS***" for 3.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by J. Loureiro, the request was tabled due to the lack of information regarding tracking of attendance.

Course approval request from an LEP for the approval of a webinar titled "***Yale Symposium: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Challenges and Opportunities***" for 6.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams, the request was tabled due to the lack of information regarding tracking of attendance. It was also noted that the Symposium would be considered a seminar and only receive half credit. The Symposium appeared to be eligible to receive 3.5 credits under this Board policy.

Course approval request from EBC for the approval of a webinar titled "***EBC 2nd Annual Emerging Contaminants Seminar: PFAS - The Forever Chemical - Morning Session***" for 3.0 CECs and 2.5 CECs for the "***Afternoon Session***". On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams, the request for the "Morning Session" was approved for 3.0 CECs and no credit was awarded for the "Afternoon Session" passed unanimously.

Course approval request from Alpha Analytical for the approval of a webinar titled "***Perimeter Air Monitoring Program Webinar***" for 2.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by D. Wolfram, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs.

Course approval request from CPES for the approval of a webinar titled ***“Environmental Forensics “What is it? Where did it come from? And, is it mine?”*** for 8.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by D. Wolfram, the request was approved unanimously for 8.0 CECs.

Course approval request from an LEP for the approval of a webinar titled ***“Hazardous Waste Management and Manifesting/Department of Transportation Certification”*** for 36.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by M. Gamache, the request was denied with a unanimous vote.

Course approval request from EPOC for the approval of a webinar titled ***“Using Simplicity to Address Contaminant Problems Under Conditions of Uncertainty”*** for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by D. Wolfram, the request was approved unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

LSPA provided notice that a webinar titled ***“Method 3 Ecological Risk Assessment”*** would be offered on April 6, 2021. The course was previously approved for 4.0 CECs and was provided course number CTLEP-416. This was provided for information only.

Course approval request from an LEP for the approval of a webinar titled ***“13th Symposium on Design & Construction Issues at Hazardous Waste Sites”*** for 12.0 CECs provided over three separate afternoons . On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by J. Loureiro, the request was tabled due to the lack of information regarding tracking of attendance and a full agenda with day and timing of each talk.

Executive Session

On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Wolfram, the Board went into executive session to discuss a disciplinary matter. DEEP staff and D. Wrinn were invited to attend. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 10:37AM and came out of executive session at 11:05 AM. No votes were taken during the executive session.

Additional Information

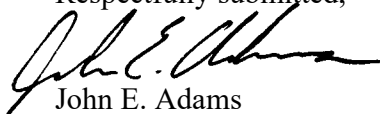
Next meeting is April 8, 2021 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by J. Loureiro, passed unanimously, Chair Colette declared the meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Minutes were approved on April 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary