

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – January 13, 2022

A. <u>Call to Order and Sign-In</u>

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals ("the Board") was called to order on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:34 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, M. Gamache, D. Fiereck, L. Muratore, R. Good, C. Violette and D. Wolfram were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Selena Thornhill-Moody and Jacques Gilbert of DEEP, David Wrinn representing the Attorney General's Office, Nelson Walter representing EPOC and Andrew Droney representing the Connecticut House Republicans 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 December 9, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by M. Gamache, seconded by D. Wolfram, passed unanimously with D. Wolfram, D. Fiereck and L. Muratore abstaining.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter reported that he had nothing to report at this time.

D. <u>Unfinished Business and General Orders</u>

Application Forms for LEP Examination

Board Administrator L. McAuliffe reported that the forms for the 2022 LEP examination are now on-line and new applicants are due on February 11, 2022. Re-applications are due on March 12, 2022. Ms. McAuliffe thanked Adam Henry, Christina Venable and Marlee Najamy Winnick for their work to update the Candidates Guide.

Ms. McAuliffe reported that she had one new applicant and four returning applicants express interest in taking the 2022 exam. She expressed that applicants had expressed concern that only one reference may come from a co-worker. That position was reaffirmed by the Board.

Chair Collette suggested that we repeat the presentation that was given to the EPOC Young Professionals Group in an effort to drum up some excitement to become LEPs.

Update on Complaint 21-101 & 21-102

Dan Wolfram and Rob Good reported that letters to the LEP had been drafted and were ready to send. D. Wrinn indicated that the complaint dealt with contractual performance between an LEP and a client. Each of these complaints were from different complainants. Further consideration of these complaints was tabled until a review of the most recent complaint received by the Board.

Update on Scantron's data review and Job-Task Analysis Description

Board Administrator L. McAuliffe reported that Scantron had provided a substantial data dump over a number of years as broken down by domains. The data seemed to change over the years and did not provide clear areas of weakness. On a motion by J. Adams seconded by C. Violette, the information was passed along to EPOC.

E. New Business

Welcome to new board member David Fiereck, LEP, PE, appointed 12/20/2021.

Mr. Fiereck is employed by Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. and is an LEP and a PE. He has been in the environmental field for over 22 years. He has been an LEP for 15 years. He is excited to be part of the Board and looks forward to serving.

Welcome to new board member Russell J. Dirienzo, LEP, appointed 12/20/2021

Mr. Dirienzo represents the Shepaug River Association and is a member of the Board filling an environmental organization position. Mr. Dirienzo was absent from the Board meeting and will provide additional details at the next Board meeting.

Welcome to new board member Louis H. Muratore, LEP, appointed 1/5/2022

Mr. Muratore is a Senior Vice President at Red Technologies. He has been in the environmental field for more than 25 years. He is an LEP and a CHMM. He looks forward to his service on the Board.

Complaint received 1/5/2022, for board consideration.

Dan Wolfram and Rob Good will review this new complaint.

Additional Information

Next meeting is February 17, 2022 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by C. Violette, Chair Collette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Minutes were approved on February 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams Board Secretary