

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – February 16, 2023

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, February 16, 2023 at 9:30 AM in Conference Room 6A, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut and via a Zoom conference call, by Acting Chair and Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe. Board members J. Adams and D. Wolfram and were present in person and M. Gamache, R. Dirienzo, R. Good, C. Violette and D. Fiereck were present via Zoom. Selena Thornhill-Moody from DEEP was present in person and Lori DiBella from the Attorney General’s Office representing the Board and Seth Molofsky representing EPOC were present virtually for the meeting.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 16, 2022 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by M. Gamache, seconded by D. Wolfram, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Seth Molofsky reported that EPOC had recently polled their members primarily to determine how many CEC's members required to renew their licenses in June. As an aside they also asked when members anticipated retiring their licenses. Of 162 members responding, 92 indicated that they were going to retire their licenses within the next 10 years. Only 25 of those members that do not currently hold a license indicated that they were preparing to take the exam in the future. Considering we currently have 331 Licensed Environmental Professionals in Connecticut; this condition represents a severe scarcity of LEPs in the future. Mr. Molofsky indicated that he would like to set up a meeting with the Board and the Executive Committee of EPOC to discuss ways that the LEP program may be modified to attract and retain applicants to the profession. Possibilities suggested included reducing fees and CEC's for long time LEP's and an outreach program to universities identifying the LEP program as a profession worth considering. Mr. Molofsky will be in touch with Ms. McAuliffe in the near future to set up this meeting.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Acting Chair McAuliffe reported that the contract with Scantron had moved forward within the Attorney General's office and she was hopeful we would have the contract in place prior to the May 2023 exam.

The Exam date is scheduled to be May 11th with a "rain date" of May 12th, if there are technical difficulties. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Wolfram, the Board unanimously accepted May 12th as a rain date for the exam.

Subsequent to the January meeting it was discovered that Sec. 22a 133v 2.(e)(2) permits a maximum of 12 CECs for a college course. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Wolfram, the CCSU course titled, ***GSCI 424 Geomorphology*** will be awarded 12 CECs rather than the 16 CECs mistakenly awarded during the January 2023 Board meeting, passed unanimously.

E. New Business

Review of Course Approval Requests

Request from Arcadis for program titled, "**Challenges and Strategies for Implementing Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy**" webinar held on 1/16/2023 for 8.0 CECs. The course is to deliver as on-demand distance learning course. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Wolfram to place the application on hold until additional information is obtained, passed unanimously.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled, "**Environmental Forensics 2023**" – to be given as a live virtual seminar on March 8, 2023 for 4 CECs. A motion was made by R. Good, seconded by R. Dirienzo to approve the course for 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled, "**Using Simplicity to Address Contaminant Problems Under Conditions of Uncertainty: Part II**" – to be given as a live virtual seminar on March 22, 2023 for 4 CECs. A motion was made by D. Wolfram, seconded by D. Fiereck to approve the course for 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously.

Course approval request from EPOC for course titled, "**ArcGIS Online for the Environmental Professional**" – to be given as a live virtual and in-person seminar on a date to be determined for 4 CECs. A motion was made by R. Dirienzo, seconded by D. Wolfram to approve the course for 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously.

Notice of EPOC reoffering of "**Remediation Standards Regulations Courses 1 and 2**", 556W and 557W to be held March 22-23 and 29-30, 2023. Each Course was awarded 8.0 CECs. The attendees must be present for both days of each course to be awarded credit.

Review of applications for the May examination

Board members reviewed 8 applications for admission to the May 2023 LEP Exam.

Motion to approve the following seven applications for acceptance into the May 2023 examination made by J. Adams, seconded by M. Gamache; passed unanimously. The applicant numbers are provided below:

202301485
202301487
202301539
202301547
202301548
202301558
202301578

Additional information will be sought from applicant 202301528 for review in the March 2023 meeting to determine if the applicant has sufficient responsible charge experience to be admitted to the examination.

Additional Information

Positions that remain open on the Board include a PE LEP, a representative of business and a person representing an environmental group.

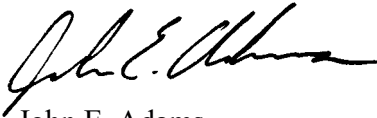
Next meeting is March 9, 2023 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by R. Dirienzo, seconded by R. Good, Acting Chair McAuliffe declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Minutes were approved on March 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary