

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – November 9, 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, November 9, 2023, at 9:30 AM via an in-person and Zoom conference call, by Acting Chair and Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe. Board members including J. Adams and L. Muratore were present in-person and D. Fiereck, R. Good and M. Gamache were present via Zoom. Selena Thornhill-Moody from DEEP was present in-person and Monica Meschiatti were present virtually. Lori DiBella from the Attorney General’s Office representing the Board was present via Zoom. Seth Molofsky, Dan Nelson, Adam Henry, Sam Haydock, Brent Henebry, David Melycher, Marlee Najamy Winnick, Zach Smith, Jay Robinson, John Gallalee and Nancy Mendel representing the Environmental Professionals of Connecticut (EPOC) were present virtually for the meeting.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 12, 2023, were read and approved; motion by M. Gamache, seconded by R. Good, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Comments were held until the joint LEP Board/EPOC Board portion of the meeting.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Fiereck the application deadline of February 9, 2024, and exam date of May 16, 2024, was approved unanimously.

E. New Business

Approval request from John Nadeau of New York State Council of Professional Geologists, for a course titled, “*NYSCPG GEOLOGY DAYS Conference*,” to be held November 14 – 15, 2023, for 12 CECs. A motion was made by J. Adams, seconded by R. Good to approve the course as a conference for a maximum of 8.0 contact hours equivalent to 4.0 CECs, passed unanimously. The individual sessions that would be approved for attendance are the following:

<u>Board Approved Sessions</u>		
Contact Hrs:Min	Track/Day	
Track 1 Tuesday, November 14, 2023		
1:10	12:50-2:00	The Untapped Potential of Exploratory and Graphical Data Analysis in Environmental Site Investigation and Remediation
1:10	2:00-3:10	1,4 -Dioxane Treatment Considerations for Groundwater Remediation
2:20	<i>Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for Seminars awarded at a rate of 50% of Contact Hours</i>	
Track 2 Tuesday, November 14, 2023		
1:10	10:45-11:55	What you Need to Know About Seismic Surveys for Engineering and Environmental Applications
1:10	2:00-3:10	Best Practices in Environmental Data Management for Environmental Professionals in New York
2:20	<i>Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for Seminars awarded at a rate of 50% of Contact Hours</i>	
Track 1 Wednesday, November 15, 2023		
1:10	8:00-9:10	How Well is your Staff Trained? Using Borehole Logs as a Benchmark of Staff Capabilities and Accuracy of Data Collection
0:40	12:40-1:20	Advances in Solid Phase Colloidal Materials Technology for Groundwater Treatment at Contaminated Sites: Challenges and Opportunities
1:10	1:20-2:30	Green and Sustainable Remediation: Measuring and Tracking Environmental Footprint from Design through Construction.
3:00	<i>Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for Seminars awarded at a rate of 50% of Contact Hours</i>	
Track 2 Wednesday, November 15, 2023		
1:10	8:00-9:10	Practical Aspects of Bedrock Permeability Testing (the Lugeon Test)
1:00	9:10-10:10	An Aquifer Pumping Test Design Approach Using Stratigraphic Principals for Well Placement in the Upper Midwest
1:15	10:45-12:00	Bioremediation of Chlorinated Solvents; Specifically, the Sequence: PCE to TCE to cDCE to VC to Ethene
0:30	12:00-12:30	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Logging of a Deep Test Well for Estimation of Aquifer and Confining Unit Hydraulic Properties, Long Island, NY
3:55	<i>Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for Seminars awarded at a rate of 50% of Contact Hours</i>	

Note: A maximum of 8 Contact Hours equivalent of 4.0 CEC may be awarded for attendance at accepted sessions. LEP must attend a minimum of 4 Contact Hours (2 CECs) to be granted credit.

Retroactive request for webinar approval for CTLEP – 584 AEHS Foundation’s 39th Annual International Conference broadcast live to the online audience and in person audience simultaneously. The webinar was via Zoom with attendance records. The Board previously approved AEHS conferences 509 and 547 as live webinars. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by D. Fiereck for approval as a live webinar, passed unanimously.

Acting Chair McAuliffe requested Board approval to grant administrative approval to course conversions to live webinars where attendance is taken and tracked. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by L. Muratore, the request was approved unanimously.

Joint meeting with EPOC Board

Seth Molofsky, Executive Director of the EPOC thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with the EPOC Board. Mr. Molofsky and Mr. Henebry, President of EPOC, will present for the EPOC Board. Mr. Molofsky provided an agenda for discussion.

EPOC was established in 1997 and is a non-profit organization with approximately 550 members representing LEPs and associated professionals. EPOC also provides training and encouragement to those that are interested in becoming LEP through its Young Environmental Professionals (YEP) Program. EPOC continues to offer a variety of continuing education programs in support of the LEP program. Mr. Molofsky asked that the new application forms for the examination, when available, be forwarded to him and he will make the membership aware of the critical dates. He also asked if the Board webpage could be updated on a regular basis to provide LEPs information concerning upcoming approved courses. Acting Chair McAuliffe indicated that she cannot update the webpage directly, but offered to provide a list of courses that are approved at each Board meeting to EPOC for posting on their webpage.

Exam Study Group training sessions – Mr. Molofsky identified Marlee Najamy Winnick as a person within the EPOC who is organizing study groups and training sessions for applicants to become familiar with the materials and demystify the process of becoming an LEP. Ms. Najamy Winnick requested that Acting Chair McAuliffe participate in a YEP/Exam Study Session to discuss the LEP program from the Board's perspective, to which she agreed, date and time to follow.

Mr. Molofsky identified the problem that over the next five years, many LEP's will be retiring from the profession. It is important to work together to encourage young professionals to become LEPs. He recognized Acting Chair McAuliffe for her efforts in getting the word out regarding Board actions and for agreeing to participate in a training session for applicants and the YEP group. Ms. Najamy Winnick reported that there are approximately 150 YEP members.

Mr. Molofsky asked if there were any recurring disciplinary actions that can be identified to both alert LEPs of the concerns and identify possible training areas that may strengthen LEPs understanding of a topic. Acting Chair McAuliffe summarized the disciplinary action procedures. Attorney DiBella indicated that all Board disciplinary actions are posted on the Board webpage. Mr. Adams indicated that Site Characterization is generally the basis for the infraction. Acting Chair McAuliffe added that there have been very few referrals in the past few years.

Mr. Molofsky indicated that there will be a need to revise the current regulations when the Transfer Act is retired, and the release-based regulations are adopted. EPOC supports revisions that will permit LEPs to carry over credits to a subsequent licensing period, reduce the minimum time for a CEC course to one hour, reduce the CEC burden for "Senior LEPs", and include options for late renewals. Mr. Melycher summarized the Massachusetts program where licensees with close to the number of required CECs may apply for a 90-day extension of the licenses without a significant monetary penalty. Mr. Molofsky requested that an on-

line system be made available for renewal payments and filing necessary paperwork. Acting Chair McAuliffe indicated it is a priority of hers to implement an on-line system.

Mr. Molofsky asked for Board clarification on the licensing period, particularly what the period between June 1 and June 30 means. Acting Chair McAuliffe will look into the regulatory requirements.

Mr. Molofsky asked if the Board had a position regarding the addition of “Permitted Environmental Professionals (PEPs)” for the Release-Based cleanup program. Mr. Adams indicated that the Board had previously taken a position adverse to the creation of PEPs and had written letters to the Commissioner. Acting Chair McAuliffe offered to distribute the letters to the current Board members.

Additional topics that the Board had identified as possible regulatory changes included.

- CECs for participating in item development (writing LEP examination questions) and test preparation, up to 8 CECs;
- Waiver of CEC requirement when LEP’s age + years licensed > 85 years.
- Rollover of excess CECs to next biennial period, if LEP exceeded 24 CECs in two-year period.
- Waiver of CEC requirement for biennial period where LEP’s inactive status was indicated in their renewal submission to DEEP.

Acting Chair McAuliffe indicated that the regulatory changes would likely not be requested until the release-based program is promulgated as she anticipated that there will be revisions necessary to maintain consistency with the new program.

Additional Information

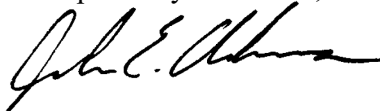
Next meeting is December 14, 2023, at 10:30AM (later start time). The later time will permit the Board to have a holiday gathering after the meeting.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by L. Muratore, Acting Chair McAuliffe declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Minutes were approved on December 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary