

Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators

Meeting Minutes

~ Friday, August 2, 2024 – 9:00 am ~
Meeting via Zoom / In-Person

Members Present via In-Person:

- Mary Bowers – (Chair), NTNC Representative, Waterworks Mgmt. LLC
- Suzanne Yerina – (Vice Chair), VSWS Representative, Haley Ward, Inc
- Brian Tarbuck – (Secretary), Professional Engineer Representative, Greater Augusta Utility District
- Brian McBride – Class IV Representative, York Water District
- Amy Lachance – Director, Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program
- Shaun Yeatts – Educator Representative, Bath Water District
- Louis (Rob) Durgin – Water System Management Representative, Dover-Foxcroft Water District
- Keith Levasseur – Class III Representative, Sanford Water District

Members Present via Zoom: *(no vote)

- none

Members Absent:

- Kerry Smart – Class II Representative, Alfred Water District

Board Coordinator and Clerk:

- Sarah Fundaun – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Coordinator
- Tina Lemieux – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Clerk

Guests:

- David Welch, DWP, budget
- Sadie Hudzik, DWP, Technical Assistant Specialist

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Meeting called to order at **9:02 AM** by Mary Bowers.

1. Introduction of Board Members
  - a. **8** members In-Person present, **0** members Zoom present, **1** member absent, **2** guests
2. Approve meeting minutes

Motion to accept the minutes – **Friday, June 21, 2024**

❖ 1<sup>st</sup>: Brian Tarbuck      2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian McBride      Vote: Unanimous

3. Public Comment
  - a. None

4. New Business
  - a. David Welch
    - i. Budget Update

Motion to accept the 2024 August Budget

❖ 1<sup>st</sup>: Brian Tarbuck      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Bowers      Vote: Unanimous



- b. Amy Lachance
  - i. Operator Recruitment and Retention Effort - discussion
    - 1. Explore low to no cost education options for training
    - 2. DWP webpage
      - a. Calendar of training events
      - b. Video library
      - c. Downloadable training, (i.e., VSWS Exam Prep)
    - 3. Training Provider collaboration and input
  - ii. Operator Survey
    - 1. Sarah Fundaun, survey outreach to water operator base and feedback
- c. BLWSO Mission Statement
  - i. Brian McBride – volunteering to work on a mission statement and submit to BLWSO for review

- 5. Old Business
  - a. None

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Motion to adjourn.

❖ 1<sup>st</sup>: Brian McBride

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Tarbuck

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNED – **10:20 AM**

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**\*\*Next scheduled meeting: Friday, November 01, 2024**