

Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators

Meeting Minutes

~ Friday, September 16, 2022 – 9:00 am ~
Meeting via Zoom / In-Person

Members Present via In-Person:

- Mary Bowers – (Chair), NTNC Representative, Waterworks Mgmt. LLC
- Keith Levasseur – (Vice Chair), Class III Representative, Sanford Water District
- Brian Tarbuck – (Secretary), Professional Engineer Representative, Greater Augusta Utility District
- Amy Lachance – Director, Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program
- Brian McBride – Class IV Representative, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells
- Gregory Kidd – Educator Representative, NEWWTA

Members Present via Zoom: *(no vote)

- None

Members Absent:

- Suzanne Yerina – VSWS Representative, CES, Inc.
- Kerry Smart – Class II Representative, Alfred Water District

Board Coordinator and Clerk:

- David Welch – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Coordinator
- Tina Lemieux – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Clerk

Guests:

- *Kirsten Hebert, guest*
- *Kathy Rodgers, guest*
- *Tom Bahun, guest*
- *Peter Zaykoski, guest*
- *Bradley Sawyer, guest*

Meeting called to order at **9:06 AM** by Mary Bowers.

1. Introduction of Board Members

- a. *6 members In-Person present, 0 members Zoom present, 2 members absent, 5 guests*

2. Approve meeting minutes – **Friday, June 3, 2022**

- ❖ Motion to accept the minutes.

1st: Greg Kidd 2nd: Keith Levasseur Vote: Unanimous

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. Agenda Additions

- a. None

5. New Business

- a. David Welch, Licensing Coordinator – Budget Update *(see handout, 1)

- ❖ Motion to accept the budget.

1st: Greg Kidd 2nd: Brian Tarbuck Vote: Unanimous

- b. New Complaint: **Turner – Corson, rcvd 8-8-22**, *(see handout, 2)

- *Anson & Madison Water District, Randall Turner v. Michael Corson
- Send complaint notification, (certified with read receipt)

- c. Board review of BLWSO licensing statistics for the PSI/ABC exams, *(see handout, 3)
 - State pass rate statistics provided at meeting
 - Proctored paper exams are provided upon request, (see BLWSO webpage, exams)
 - BLWSO requests National pass rates for PSI Standardized Exam to compare
 - Request or comments should go through BLWSO Chair to PSI/ABC for National Exam pass rates
- d. Review of licensing fees at next meeting, (Friday, December 2, 2022)
 - \$25.00 increase, BLWSO review and proposal to rulemaking

6. Old Business

- a. Chain of Custody policy to track water samples – Thomas Demaso, *(see handout, 3)
- b. Rulemaking – update BLWSO rules
 - i. Draft Rules – status, submitted to Tara Pare, MEDWP for review
 - ii. Streamline complaint procedure *(3-6-20)
 - 1. Changes in notification process reviewed:
 - a. Send complaint notifications certified mail with read receipt
 - b. Allow 30 days for response
 - c. Post completed document to BLWSO webpage
- ❖ Motion to accept the complaint procedure draft with amendments.
 1st: Brian Tarbuck 2nd: Greg Kidd Vote: Unanimous

❖ Motion to adjourn.

1st: Greg Kidd

2nd: Brian McBride

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNED – **10:13 AM**

****Next scheduled meeting: Friday, December 2, 2022**