

MINUTES

Environmental Certification Board
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

William Armes, Chairman, of Simpsonville, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S.C. Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other board members participating in the meeting included Vice-chair David Baize, of Columbia; Mitch Dew, of Latta; Dwight Johnson, of Jefferson; Jimmy Rodgers, of Greenwood; Hank Rutland, of Orangeburg; and Elizabeth Williams, of Sumter.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Lenora Addison- Miles, Administrator; Sara McCartha; Advice Counsel; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; DeLeon Andrews and Sharon Wolfe, of OIE.

Public Notice

Chairman Armes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Environmental Certification Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Hank Rutland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman, William Armes.

Approval of the January 10, 2012 Minutes

MOTION

Dwight Johnson made a motion to approve the January 10, 2012, meeting minutes. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Bottled Water Exam

David Baize stated that some years ago, LLR developed a test for bottled water operators but it was never implemented.

Staff recently forwarded the draft exam to board members, and since DHEC does regulate bottled water, David asked some of the people at DHEC who regulate this certification, to look at the questions to see if they were appropriate for this licensing type. He also asked them to come before the board and explain what they do, and describe DHEC's process. Coy Watts, Drinking Water Permitting, and Chris Saul, Dairy, Food, Soft drinks, and Bottled Water Protection Program. Discussion ensued regarding regulating of vending machines and treatment of bottled water. Chairman Armes appointed a committee to look into developing a current bottled water exam. The committee consists of Elizabeth Williams, Chair, Hank Rutland, Mitch Dew, and David Baize, along with input from DHEC representatives, Coy Watts and Chris Saul. The committee will provide a report and recommendation to the board.

Chairman's Remarks-William Armes

Chairman Armes welcomed everyone. He stated he had not received any comments or updates regarding the LLR 2012 Annual Report. He stated that he will not speak to the press unless he has a consensus of the board.

Administrator's Remarks-Lenora Addison-Miles

Lenora reported the ABC Testing Service agreement has been renewed for 2012, and AMP exam testing fees have increased from \$95.00 to \$97.00. She reported on the number of licensees who have renewed through May 8th, and the number of licensees who have yet to renew. She also gave the monthly cash balance report.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given.

Legislature Updates, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no report given.

OIE Report

Sharon Wolfe stated that she has replaced Steve Freshley. She reported the board currently has one active case and two pending cases.

OGC-Report General Counsel

There was no report given.

IRC Report

DeLeon Andrews, OIE Investigator, presented the April 26th IRC report.

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Young, Chairman of the Water Environmental Association commented on staff responsiveness, and on LLR's 2012 Annual Report.

Executive Session

The board did not enter into Executive Session.

Adjournment

Mitch Dew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 10, 2012, in Room 108.

NOTE: These minutes are a brief summary of the meeting recordings of the motions, and official actions taken by the Board. A transcript providing more details of this meeting is available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental.