

South Carolina State Board of Environmental Certification

Board Meeting Minutes-September 11, 2007

The Board held a regular scheduled meeting on September 11, 2007, at 110 Centerview Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina.

It was noted for the record that official notification of the meeting had been sent to the Offices of LLR-Public Information and LLR-General Counsel, appropriate newspapers and WIS-TV in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman, Mike Bailes called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The invocation was given by William Armes. Other members were William Armes, David Baize, Dwight Johnson, Drennan Park, and Hank Rutland. Dona Caldwell, Administrator, DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, Theresa Garner, Board Staff.

Section 40-23-40

The purpose of this board is to protect the general public through the regulation of persons engaged in occupations appointed by the legislature for regulation by the board. These occupations are referred to in this chapter collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Chairman, Mike Bailes, asked that everyone observe a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Chairman Bailes stated for future reference there will be a sign in sheet for anyone who would like to speak during the public comments segment of the meeting.

Where action is recorded below, it was taken in each case on motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Motion: Dwight Johnson moved, seconded by Drennan Park, to approve the July 10th Board Minutes. **The motion carried. Approved.**

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Motion: David Baize stated that due to the complicated nature of the licenses and professions involved, the Board should choose not to use the citation process at this time. He moved, seconded by William Armes. **The motion carried. Approved.**

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Public Comments

Jim Matthews offered information regarding investigations.

Discussion Matters

Administrator, Dona Caldwell, Chairman Mike Bailes, and the board members concluded that during one of the board's work sessions, the matter of thirty (30) hours, part-time full time, was discussed, and accepted as policy. However, it was not entered into the board records as a motion. This item will be placed on the November agenda for approval.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mike Bailes stated following the July meeting, he, David Baize, and Dona Caldwell met with members of the Water Quality Association. There were some good ideas exchanged and many questions answered. Mike still considers this a work in progress and will be glad to meet with them to answer any questions in the future.

Committee Updates

Chairman Mike Bailes reported the Operator Development Committee met in Spartanburg on August the 7th. Attending were Sue Schneider, Mike Bailes, William Armes, and Elizabeth Williams. Two new members, Patrick Jackson, Rural Water and Danny Holiday, WEASC, have been added to the committee. Mike asked Elizabeth Williams to give a summary.

Elizabeth Williams stated that a representative from AWWA will also be added to the committee. She said the committee was putting together an operator brochure that will be handed out to facilities providing information in the water and wastewater fields. Because of the interest shown in Central Carolina's Certificate Program, Rebecca West and Elizabeth are looking into offering an "A" and "B" level program which will allow college credit hours and more hand on experience.

Investigator's Report

DeLeon informed the board that "OIE" has a new investigator, Maurice Smith, who will be assisting him in some of his investigations. Mr. Smith's previous work experience includes federal and county law enforcement. DeLeon stated the Board has scheduled two (2) Hearings on September the 25th.

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Investigator's Report Continued

51 Open Investigations (new cases included)

 3 New Investigations

49 Old Investigations

 8 Closed Investigations

19 Legal

Adjournment

Motion: William Armes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. **Approved.**