

**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
10:00 a.m. November 10, 2009
Kingstree Building Suite 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Public Notice:

Chairman Armes stated that **public notice** of the meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Called To Order:

Chairman William Armes called the regular meeting of the State Board of Environmental Certification to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present included David Baize, Mitch Dew, Dwight Johnson, Drennan Park, Jimmy Rodgers, Hank Rutland and Elizabeth Williams.

Staff Members participating in the meeting included Sheridan Spoon, Deputy General Counsel; Paula Magargle, Hearing Attorney, Eddy Lane, Hearing Advisor, Jay Pitts, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Angela Scott, Administrative Assistant; and Beth Cumalander, Administrative Assistant.

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 the chapter collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Invocation:

Mr. Rutland delivered the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: - September 8, 2009, Meeting

Mr. Rodgers reported and turned in a written report from Mr. Andy Anderson that was requested by Chairman Armes at the last meeting.

MOTION:

Mitch Dew moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 8, 2009. Mr. Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Introduction:

Chairman Armes introduced Mr. Jay Pitts, Administrator for Real Estate Commission and reported that Mr. Pitts would be filling in for Dona Ferguson during her absence.

Mr. Pitts reported that he has served as the Administrator for Engineers and Land Surveyors and recently accepted the Administrator position for the Real Estate Commission. He stated that he and Mrs. Ferguson worked closely together, and he is looking forward to working with the Environmental Certification Board.

Application Hearings:

Mr. Clay L. Walker – Biological Wastewater # 12505

MOTION:

Mr. Park made a motion to grant Mr. Walker a one year extension on his biological wastewater trainee permit. During which time Mr. Walker will need to take and pass the “D” level exam. Mr. Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Mr. Glendon M. Butler – Water Distribution

MOTION:

Mr. Baize made a motion to approve Mr. Butler’s request for a water distribution trainee permit contingent on Mr. Butler furnishing at his own expense, a current SLED report showing the disposition of the felony charge. Mitch Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Approval of Final Order:

Eddy Lane, Hearing Advisor
Paula Magargle, Hearing Attorney

Mr. Ernest L. Frick – Well Driller - #115

MOTION:

Mr. Park made a motion to dismiss the Final Order against Mr. Frick. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Ms. Elizabeth Williams – Central Carolina-Overview of Apprentice Program:

Ms. Williams reported that at the last meeting, the Board approved the Apprenticeship Program for Advancement of Operators and since that time she and representatives from the S. C. Technical College have met with several utilities. She stated that clarification is needed regarding the ABC criteria.

MOTION:

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the Apprenticeship program. The Advancement of Operators program includes the ABC “Need to Know” qualifications as core competencies within the apprenticeship program; the program submitted to the Board is limited to A & B facilities. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

IRC Report:

MOTION:

Mr. Baize made a motion, to approve the recommendations of the Investigative Review Committee with the following conditions. Case # 2009-11 is removed from the report for review and the board is requesting a clarification be given at the next meeting. Mr. Park seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Armes recommended that the Board have an Investigative Review Committee Workshop sometime next year within the 1st Quarter. The workshop would be held in conjunction with a scheduled Board meeting and the IRC members would be invited to attend.

Committee Report:

Mr. Baize reported that there was a committee formed to work on the proposed changes with the statute and regulations for the upcoming year. Chairman Armes reported that Mrs. Ferguson was the chairperson of that committee, and that will have to be tabled until she returns.

Public Comments:

NONE

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnson moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Hank Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The November 10, 2009, meeting of the State Board of Environmental Certification was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.