

MINUTES
South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., April 23, 2019
Kingstree Building, Room 204
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman, Elizabeth Williams, of Sumter, called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles Cortez, II, of Pelzer; Robert G. Davis, Jr., of Hilton Head; Doug Kinard, of Prosperity; James Rodgers, of Greenwood; Stacy Taylor, of Chapin; Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia; and Sidney K. Tuck, of Spartanburg.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations; and Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Others participating during the meeting included: Curtis Boatwright; Carlton Shealy; and Sherry Tolson-Turner

Statement of Public Notice

Mrs. Williams announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Environmental Certification Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the board website 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

Mr. Tuck gave the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members and Board staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To approve the absence of Ken Rentiers.
Cortez/Thompson-King /approved.

Approval of the January 29, 2019, Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019, meeting.
Davis/Thompson-King/approved.

Chairman's Remarks-Elizabeth Williams

Ms. Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Staff Reports

Mrs. Price gave the Administrator's Report:

- The Board has a cash balance of \$574,211.74, as of February 28, 2019.
- The Board is in renewals for the 2019/2020 licensure year. 1,814 licensees have renewed with 7,472 still Active in Renewal. Renewals will run through June 30, 2019.
- The Board's newsletter will post on the website in May. Mrs. Price asked the Board members to contact her with content.
- The new LLR website will roll out this summer.
- Please report any travel for 2019/2020 for approval as soon as possible. Approval for fiscal year 2020 travel will be addressed at the next Board meeting.
- We are catching up the last few months of survey data; however, the process is time consuming and there are no drastic changes in the data. It was scheduled to occur for one year, but has been expanded. It is now at the two-year mark. There will be a break from the survey effective May 1, and it will resume when the new ABC exams roll out. Mrs. Price will contact ABC to identify other states to run the same survey for comparative data. The Board will engage in further discussion on this issue at the next meeting.
- The Board's next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2019, in room 105.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of Advice Counsel

No advisory opinions were given during this meeting.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcements

Mr. Smith reported three complaints filed since January 1, 2019. There are two active investigations, and one case has been closed.

IRC Report- Office of Investigations and Enforcements

Mr. Smith presented a report from the Investigative Review Committee.

MOTION: To approve the April 23, 2019, IRC Recommendation Report.
Cortez/Davis/approved.

ODC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel-Erin Baldwin

Mrs. Baldwin reported one case in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. This case will be presented at the next meeting.

Application Hearing

- a) Mr. Curtis Boatwright appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. His supervisor, Mrs. Sherry Tolson-Turner, served as a witness. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION: For the Board to enter into executive session to seek legal advice regarding application hearing.
Tucker/Thompson-King/approved.

Return to Public Session

MOTION: For the Board to return to public session.
Thompson-King/Davis/approved.

Chairman Williams noted that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Boatwright as a Biological Wastewater Operator Trainee.
Thomas/Cortez/approved

New Business

- a) Delegation of authority to Board Chair to issue Cease & Desist orders for unlicensed practice.

MOTION: To delegate authority to the Board Chair to issue Cease & Desist orders for unlicensed practice.
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

- b) Appointment of Well Driller Examination Review Committee

Mr. Thompson-King and Mr. Davis volunteered to serve on the Well Driller Examination Review Committee.

Discussion Topics

There were no discussion topics at this meeting

Committee Reports

There was no report from the "E" Water Treatment Examination Review Committee.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Environmental Certification Board is scheduled for January 28, 2020, in room 105.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Cortez/Taylor/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.