

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Environmental Certification Board**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., October 22, 2019**  
**Kingstree Building, Room 204**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina**

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**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: Ken Rentiers of Columbia, SC; Charles Cortez, II, of Pelzer; Robert G. Davis, Jr., of Hilton Head; Doug Kinard, of Prosperity; James Rodgers, of Greenwood; Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia; and Sidney K. Tuck, of Spartanburg.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Pam Dunkin, Administrator; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Chris Elliott, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

**Statement of Public Notice**

Ms. 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 Stacey Taylor.  
Thompson-King/Cortez /approved.

**Approval of the April 23, 2019, Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019, meeting.  
Thompson-King/Rentier/approved.

### **Chairman's Remarks-Elizabeth Williams**

Ms. Williams welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and thanked staff for their hard work during the transition of management. Ms. Williams also welcomed Pam Dunkin as the new Board Administrator, and wished her well with the progression of the Board.

### **Staff Reports**

Mrs. Dunkin gave the Administrator's Report:

- As a reminder, when making a motion, please make sure the motion is clear, and that you speak loud enough to be heard by the court reporter and staff member taking the minutes.
- The Board's current account balance as of September 2019, is \$740,238.30
- The Board currently has 8,878 active licensees.
- The Board's newsletter will go out January 2020, please let us know if you would like to add anything no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Johnnie will send an email to the Board to serve as a reminder.
- The Board's next meeting will be held on January 28, 2020, 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 eleven complaints were filed since January 1, - October 31, 2019. There are no active investigations, and six cases have been closed.

### IRC Report- Office of Investigations and Enforcements

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

**MOTION:** To approve the October 10, 2019, IRC Recommendation Report.  
Cortez/Thompson-King/approved.

### ODC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel-Chris Elliot

Mr. Elliot reported one case in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. This case will be presented at this meeting.

### **Consent Agreement**

- a) Respondent was not present for this meeting; however, respondent was properly notified by staff. By agreement of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board and the

Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provision of the S.C. Code of Laws Ann. 1-23-320(f) (1976, as amended) in lieu of inter alia, a hearing before a hearing officer or panel appointed by the Commission. Respondent, acknowledging the allegations herein and agreeing to all the sanctions as set forth, agrees to waive the authorization, filing and service of a Formal Complaint and formal hearing procedures.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agreement 2016-9.  
Thompson-King/Davis/approved.

### **Application Hearings**

- a) Mr. Ramiro Alamzan appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. 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.

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Alamzan as a Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator Trainee.  
Davis/Kinard/approved.

- b) Mr. Jeleel Nero appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel; however, Isaac Lake 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.  
Cortez/Davis/approved.

#### **Return to Public Session**

**MOTION:** For the Board to return to public session.  
Cortez/Davis/approved.

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

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Nero as a Biological Wastewater Treatment Operator Trainee.  
Cortez/Davis/approved.

- c) Mr. Joseph Caston appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel; however, Mr. and Mrs. Caston, Joseph Caston's parents served as witnesses. All person 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.

Rogers/Davis/approved.

**Return to Public Session**

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

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

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Caston as a Water Distribution Operator Trainee.  
Rentiers/Thompson-King/approved.

- d) Mr. Tekoare Morris appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All person 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.

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Morris as a Water Distribution Operator Trainee.  
Cortez/Rodgers

- e) Mr. Charles Johnson appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All person 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.

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Johnson as a Water Distribution Operator Trainee.  
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

- f) Mr. Barry Quattlebaum appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All person 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.

**MOTION:** To approve Mr. Quattlebaum as a Water Treatment Operator.  
Cortez/Kinard/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 practice.  
Tuck/Kinard/approved.

- b) Travel approval for one staff member to attend the SCRWA Conference, November 18-20, 2019, in Myrtle Beach, SC; for two Board members and one staff member for the ABC Annual

Conference, January 14-17, 2020 in Mobile, AL and two staff members to attend SC Environmental Conference, March 15-18, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, SC

**MOTION:** To approve all travel.  
Thompson-King/Davis

c) In an effort to assist military spouses who are locating to South Carolina, the General Assembly enacted legislation to allow for an expedited licensure process for those military spouses who hold an active license that is in good standing in their home state. There are two available options for military spouse licensure: temporary and permanent. A temporary license is available for one year and is nonrenewable. Upon expiration, the licensee would have to apply for permanent licensure in order to continue practicing in South Carolina. Application fees are waived for temporary licensure. A permanent license is available for one or two years, depending on the license type, and is renewable

#### **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

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Kinard/Tuck/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.