

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Environmental Certification Board**  
**Board Meeting**  
**July 22, 2021 Via Virtual Video/Teleconference**

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**Meeting Called to Order**

Vice-Chairman Ken Rentiers, of Columbia, called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:15 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Stacey Taylor, of Columbia; Robert G. Davis, Jr., of Hilton Head; Doug Kinard, of Prosperity; James Rodgers, of Greenwood; and Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Mary League, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Chris Elliot, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant.

Others participating included: April Coffman, Savannah River Site Department of Energy; Gary Hoover, Savannah River Site Department of Energy; Mirian Tyrrell, Savannah River Site; Jo Ellen Trueblood, WEASC; Jim Matthews; Charles Dawson; Randy Holton; and Tyler Scraggs.

**Statement of Public Notice**

Mr. Rentiers 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. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet.

**Invocation**

Mr. Thompson-King gave the Invocation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda of the July 22, 2021, meeting.  
Thompson-King/Kinard/approved

**Introduction of Board Members and Others**

Board members, Board staff, and visitors introduced themselves.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION:** To excuse Elizabeth Williams, Charles Cortez II, and Sidney K. Tuck from the meeting.  
Thompson-King/Kinard/approved

### **Approval of the January 28, 2021, Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021, meeting.  
Thompson-King/Davis/approved

### **Vice-Chairman's Remarks – Ken Rentiers**

Mr. Rentiers commended the staff and Board members for their work to keep the Board functioning during the pandemic, and hopes to return to in-person meetings soon.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Rose gave the Administrator's Report on behalf of Pam Dunkin, Board Administrator:

- During this meeting, please be sure to mute yourself if you are not speaking to reduce background noise.
- Be sure to unmute and state names when speaking to assist with recordkeeping for the meeting.
- License renewals closed on June 30, 2021. There are 8,428 active licensees for the 2021-2022 renewal period. This is a continuing education reporting year, so audits will be sent out by August 1. Staff will review the audits and refer questions to the appropriate Board member for review.
- The decision to resume in-person meetings will be guided by the Board Chairs and their cabinet. There would be no option for a hybrid meeting if in-person meetings are resumed, and the public would not be allowed to attend. In person meetings will be broadcast on You Tube for the public to view.
- The Board had a cash balance of \$733, 495.80 as of May 31, 2021.

### **Advisory Opinions, Office of Advice Counsel**

Mrs. League said there are no advisory opinions.

### **OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement**

Mr. Rose said there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

### **IRC Report- Office of Investigations and Enforcements**

Mr. Rose said there was no Investigative Review Committee Report.

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

Mr. Elliott said there is one case in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

### **Application Hearings**

- a) Mr. Charles Dawson 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.

- b) Tyler Scraggs appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. Randy Holton 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.

**MOTION:** To enter Executive Session for legal advice.  
Thompson-King/Davis/approved

**MOTION:** To exit Executive Session.  
Thompson-King/Davis/approved

Mr. Rentiers said no action was taken in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** To approve Charles Dawson's application and trainee permit.  
Thompson-King/Kinard/approved

**MOTION:** To approve Tyler Scraggs application and trainee permit.  
Thompson-King/Kinard/approved

#### **New Business**

- a) **Delegation to Staff with Regard to Issue Trainee Licenses and Subsequent Licenses.** Mr. Rose asked if the Board will delegate staff authority to send the certificates to trainees, reciprocity licensees, and license upgrades when they are issued. Currently, licensees receive an email from Board staff when their permits and subsequent licensees are issued, but the certificates are being held until after the Board has signed the reports. Mrs. League said she isn't aware of anything in the law or regulations that would prevent the Board from granting this authority to the staff.

**MOTION:** To delegate authority to staff in regard to trainee licenses and subsequent licenses.  
Thompson-King/Rodgers/approved

- b) **Grandfathered Water Distribution Operators.** Mrs. League said this item has been deferred to the October 28, 2021 meeting.

- c) **SC Environmental Conference 2021.** Mr. Rose said the conference will be held August 9-11, 2021, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Department approval for attendance is contingent on the COVID numbers.

**MOTION:** To approve two Board members and one staff member to attend the 2021 SC Environmental Conference.  
Kinard/Thompson-King/approved

**Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**Discussion Topics**

There were no discussion topics.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Thompson-King/Stacy/approved

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.