

MINUTES
South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Special Called Board Meeting
August 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Virtual Video/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Ken Rentiers, of Columbia, called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:01 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia; Doug Kinard, of Prosperity; James Rodgers, Jr., of Greenwood; Sidney Tuck, of Spartanburg; William Van Ward of Florence; and Jason Fell of Lexington. A quorum was present.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Administrator; Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator; and Sherri Moorner, Administrative Coordinator.

Others participating included: Miran Tyrrell and Tannar Pettigrew.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Rentiers said 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. The meeting is being held virtually. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet. For login information, please email Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the August 15, 2023, meeting.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members, Board staff, and visitors were introduced.

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Chairman's Remarks – Ken Rentiers

Mr. Rentiers welcomed Jason Fell to the Board, and commended the work and service provided by Mr. Cortez.

New Business

1. **Regulatory Review for Approval.** Mr. Tuck said the previous version of the proposed regulation changes had the entirety of Section 51-5 stricken, but this needs to be addressed for the trainee

licenses. The section has been amended to remove the strike-through and amend the text to read For biological wastewater treatment operators, physical/chemical wastewater treatment operators, water treatment operators, and water distribution operators the board shall issue “trainee” licenses for new personnel with qualifications as stated in 51–3. Operation under this license shall always be under the direct supervision of a legally licensed operator of the proper grade. All applications must be endorsed by the applicant’s chief operator, or operator-in-charge.”

MOTION: To accept the proposed regulation changes, noting the amendments to the language in Section 51-5.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.