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South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Exam Review Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., April 4, 2025
Synergy Business Park - Kingstree Building
Via WebEx

Meeting Called to Order

Phillip Thompson-King, Committee Chairman, called the Exam Review Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Thompson-King announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The purpose of this Committee meeting is to discuss the finding as a group and address any concerns on WPI's 2025 Standardized Exams in order to make a recommendation to the Environmental Certification Board.

Staff members in attendance: Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; Molly Price, Program Director; Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator and Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the April 4, 2025, agenda. Mr. Young seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Introduction of Committee Members and Others

Mr. Thompson-King introduced himself and the following committee members: Elizabeth Pierczynski; Rip Tafta; Brett Butz; Jim Matthews; John Young; and Ricky Ingram.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: Mr. Matthews made a motion to excuse the absence of Ross Watay due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Young seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Review and Discussion of Water Professionals International (WPI) 2025 Standardized Exams and Related Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) – [Closed session because of proprietary information and legal advice]

MOTION: Mr. Tafta made a motion for the committee to enter into closed session. Ms. Pierczynski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Matthews made a motion for the committee to return to public session. Ms. Pierczynski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Tafta made a motion to recommend the Board move forward with WPI's 2025 Standardized Exams for Water Treatment and Water Distribution. Ms. Pierczynski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Thompson-King made a motion to recommend the Board move forward with WPI's 2025 Standardized Exam for Wastewater Treatment. There was not a second to this motion. The motion failed.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Butz made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pierczynski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 11:20 a.m.