

**MINUTES**  
**SC Environmental Certification Board Meeting**  
**September 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 108**  
**Columbia, SC**

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

**Statement of Public Notice**

Mrs. Williams stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Environmental Certification Board office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Mr. Cortez.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introduction of Board Members**

Board members attending included: Elizabeth L. Williams; J. Kenneth Rentiers; Charles E. Cortez, II; Robert G. Davis, Jr.; Douglas B. Kinard; James E. Rodgers, Jr.; Stacy K. Taylor; and Sidney K. Tuck, Jr.

**MOTION:** To excuse Phillip A. Thompson-King from the meeting. Cortez/Davis/approved.

Staff member present included: Emily Farr, Agency Director; Andrew Rogers, Assistant Deputy-Director; Molly Price, Administrator; Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Sherri Moorner, Program Assistant; and Todd Bond, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Others present included: Senator John Scott; Heather Beard; Ashley Dove; James Foust; Carl Shealy; Tommy Lawson; John Young; Joey Jaco; and Jill Vickers (Creel Court Reporting).

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Williams asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the April 26, 2016, meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016, Board meeting.  
Rentiers/Rodgers/approved.

**Board Chairman Remarks**

Chairman Williams said the Board is happy to recognize the City of Columbia Metro Wastewater Plant Operators for their efforts during the October 2015 flood.

**Recognition of City of Columbia Metro Wastewater Plant Operators**

The Board recognized Ashley Carlon Dove; James E. Foust; Adrian Christopher Martin; and Brandon Matthew Wilcox, for exemplary efforts as licensed environmental operators during the October 2015

floods. The Board presented a video clip of the July 27, 2016, WLTX news interview. Senator John Scott thanked the operators for their outstanding service to the State of South Carolina and Director Emily Farr presented plaques to Mr. Dove and Mr. Foust, who attended the meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

1. Mrs. Price introduced Sherri Moorer, who is assisting the Board. She also informed the Board that Meredith Buttler has been hired as Mrs. Garner's formal replacement, and will attend the next Board meeting. Mrs. Price reminded the Board members to speak clearly when making motions, so Mrs. Moorer and the court reporter can get an accurate record for the meeting.

The Board has a current account balance of \$505,447.12. There are 8,787 active licensees. A newsletter was posted to the Board website on May 31, 2016. Mrs. Price thanked the Board members for sending biographies for the newsletter. Information on lapsed licenses was included in the meeting handouts as item 8a, which shows that 694 licenses expired on June 30, 2016. Mrs. Price believes the notices and the newsletter are reminding applicants to renew on time, because fewer licenses lapsed this year. 6,184 licensees used the online renewal system, which was 78% of active licensees.

Mr. James McDaniel from the Aiken County Public Service Authority had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting, so his questions regarding the "A" Biological Wastewater Examination have been tabled until the next meeting. This also will give Board staff an opportunity to gather more information about his questions.

2. There were no advisory opinions presented for the meeting.
3. Todd Bond reported that there have been nine complaints filed this year. There is one active investigation, three closed cases. There are three cases for dismissal, and two Cease and Desist orders.
4. Mr. Bond presented the Investigative Review Committee report

**MOTION:** To accept the Investigative Review Committee Report. Taylor/Tuck/approved.

5. Mrs. Price told the Board that Erin Baldwin had a schedule conflict for the meeting. There are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

### **Application Hearings**

1. Brandon DeSean Winters appeared before the Board for an application hearing to approve his application for a Water Treatment Operator Trainee permit. Mr. Winters provide testimony. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, if necessary.
2. The Board held an application hearing for Eric Lee Laney. Mr. Laney did not appear for the hearing. Mrs. Moorer provided testimony on attempts to notify Mr. Laney of the hearing. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, if necessary.

3. The Board held an application hearing for Lucius Arnaldus Reaves McKie. Mr. McKie did not appear for the hearing. Mrs. Moorer provided testimony on attempts to notify Mr. McKie of the hearing. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, if necessary.

**MOTION:** To enter executive session for legal advice. Tuck/Cortez/approved.

**MOTION:** To exit executive session. Rentiers/Rodgers/approved.

**MOTION:** To accept Brandon DeSean Winters for a trainee permit. Cortez/Kinard/approved.

**MOTION:** To deny the application of Eric Lee Laney on grounds that he failed to appear before the Board to answer questions on judicial matters reported on the application.  
Tuck/Cortez/approved.

**MOTION:** To deny the application of Lucius Arnaldus Reaves McKie due to failure to appear to answer questions on his arrest record. Kinard/Davis/approved.

#### **New Business**

1. The WEASC Operator Conference will be held October 27-30, 2016. Mrs. Williams will make a presentation on Board updates at the meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve travel authorization for WEASC conference. Rentiers/Tuck/approved.

2. The ABC Conference and Workshop will be held on January 10-13, 2017.

**MOTION:** To approve Mrs. Price and up to two Board members to attend the ABC Conference and Workshop. Cortez/Davis/approved.


Mrs. Williams said the next Board meeting will be held on November 8, 2016.

There being no further business:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant