

MINUTES

Environmental Certification Board
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

William Armes, Chairman, of Simpsonville, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other board members participating in the meeting included Vice-Chair, David Baize, of Columbia. Mitch Dew, of Latta; Dwight Johnson, of Jefferson; Jimmy Rodgers, of Greenwood; Hank Rutland, of Orangeburg; and Elizabeth Williams, of Sumter.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator, Sheridan Spoon, Advice Counsel; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Sharon Wolfe, OIE, Charles Ido, Assistant Deputy Director for OBS; and Dean Grigg, Deputy Director, LLR.

Public Notice

Chairman Armes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Environmental Certification Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 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.

Approval of the May 8, 2012 Minutes

MOTION

Dwight Johnson made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012, meeting minutes. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

NOMINATION

Dwight Johnson nominated William Armes as Chairman. Mitch Dew seconded the nomination. Mr. Armes was re-elected as Chairman by acclamation.

NOMINATION

David Baize nominated Elizabeth Williams as Vice-Chair. Mitch Dew seconded the nomination. Ms. Williams was elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Chairman's Remarks-William Armes

Mr. Armes stated that it has been an honor to serve as chairman for the board and that he looks forward to continue serving in this capacity.

Administrator's Remarks-Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles provided each board member with a copy of the ABC Examination Development and Financial Data 2011 Annual Report. She stated the board had 5,796 licensees that renewed online, 870 licenses were still "Active in Renewal"; but did expire on June 30, 2012. She said as of April 1st, the board issued 170 licenses, and currently has a total of 9,476 active licenses. She also presented the May cash balance report.

She reminded board members about the upcoming Insurance Reserve Fund symposium that will be held on September 14, 2012, at Denny Auditorium, South Carolina Fire Academy.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given.

Legislature Updates, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no report given.

OIE Report

Sharon Wolfe reported there were two active investigations, one was closed, the oldest case is 321 days old, and they have received two complaints this year.

OGC Report

Mrs. Miles reported that as of June 27th, the Office of General Counsel does not have any cases pending or any final orders to be issued.

IRC Report

There was no report given.

Charles Ido-Assistant Deputy Director-OBS

Mr. Ido stated that from time to time he drops in on the boards and observes what is going on in their meetings.

Committee Reports-Bottled Water

Elizabeth Williams reported that the Bottled Water Committee met on June the 7th, after reviewing the law, they found that the bottled water operators paid annual renewal fees each year but were not required to obtain any continuing education. It was suggested that staff send out a letter making them aware they do need to obtain continuing education; the committee will provide acceptable course topic criteria which will be placed on the ECB website. Presently the committee is working on an exam which should be completed by the November meeting; it will be presented to board members for their approval.

Public Comments

Mr. John Young suggested Bottled Water Certification be placed under Water Treatment.

David Baize reported the Emergency Preparedness Response team at DHEC recently met to evaluate their plan of action should an emergency occur in South Carolina. He asked the board to consider issuing licenses to DHEC employee's who are involved in the water sector, and allowing their work experience in the field to count towards their years of experience; should the need arise and they needed a license to operate a facility.

Executive Session

The board did not enter into Executive Session.

Adjournment

Dwight Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Mitch Dew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for September 11, 2012, in Room 115.

NOTE: These minutes are a brief summary of the meeting recordings of the motions, and official actions taken by the Board. A transcript providing more details of this meeting is available on the board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental