



## MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M.**

\*Please note, this is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend either by accessing the virtual link, calling into the below phone number, or by attending in person at the address information listed below.

**Video/teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet**

**Video Link:** <https://meet.google.com/yws-apay-gdu>

**Phone:** +1 208-715-5305 PIN: 286 507 163#

**In Person:** 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230, Aeris Conference Room

#### **Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public at Large  
Larry Brenneman – Western MD  
Michael Hall – Eastern MD  
Heather Quinn – DNR  
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD  
Robert Peoples – MDE

#### **MDE Staff Present**

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director  
Jennifer Bowman – OAG  
Alex Rubin – MDE

#### **Absent**

Dave Kelly – Central MD

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

#### **Roll Call**

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

#### **Presiding Officer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Collectedly the Board decided to cancel the December meeting due to a lack of attendance following the Chairman's notification that he would be unable to attend.

#### **Approval of Open Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

#### **Review and Adoption of October 29, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the

meeting minutes with one minute change to the attendance. The motion passed with two abstentions by Hahns Hairston and Robert Peoples.

### **Executive Director Comments**

- FY26 Revenue & Expenditures Update

BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS					
REVENUE & EXPENDITURES FY26					
FY25 APPN \$128,425					
Month	Running Expenditures	Monthly Expenditures	Running Revenue	Monthly Revenue	
JULY	\$10,892.99	\$10,892.99	\$925.00	\$925.00	
AUGUST			\$2,700.00	\$1,775.00	
SEPTEMBER		\$41,747.25	\$4,925.00	\$2,225.00	
OCTOBER			\$6,400.00	\$1,475.00	
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
JANUARY					
FEBRUARY					
MARCH					
APRIL					
MAY					
JUNE					
		\$52,640.24			

### **Old Business**

- There is nothing to discuss currently.

### **New Business**

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	Del Tech Community College	Water Supply Hydrology, Source & Water Conversation	Georgetown, DE	11/18/25 & Reoccurring	All Licenses	7 Hours	2025-2027	Approved
2	MDWWA	MDWWA Annual Convention	Annapolis, MD	2/12/26 - 2/13/26	All Licenses	10 Hours	2025-2027	Approved

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve above continuing education credits. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Crabtree, Jacob	MWD	Crabtree Drilling	Recommend w/ Letter of Good Standing	Applicant needs to provide letter of good standing and contact information from Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Revisit after receiving.
2	Estep, Julian	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems, Inc.	Recommend	Approved
3	Friedenberger, Christopher	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems, Inc.	Recommend	Approved
4	Mitten, Logan	AWD	Summit Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Approved
5	Ogden, Tracey	MSD	Brightcore Energy	Recommend	Approved
6	Reny, Richard	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems, Inc.	Recommend	Approved

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve applicants 2-6 for their prospective exam. Amanda Redmiles will contact Jacob Crabtree and request additional information. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

The Board discussed a potential regulatory amendment concerning licensing definitions. Specifically, the Board considered whether a separate license limited solely to geothermal work should be established. The Board expressed interest in reevaluating existing licensing types and refining how each license is defined, with the goal of providing clearer distinctions and allowing for specific scope and limitations to be explicitly noted for each license.

### **Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to move into closed Session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston. The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exceptions(s) (see below).

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Robert Peoples to adjourn. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn and seconded by Kwiatkowski Board members approved moving into closed session on November 19, 2025, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,

GP § 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,

GP § 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting: Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, and Steven Kwiatkowski. MDE staff were Amanda Redmiles, Jennifer Bowman and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Hahns Hairston read the closed meeting disclaimer.

### **Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the November 19, 2025, meeting agenda, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and worked on rewriting regulations.