



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 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 phone number below, or attending in person at the address information listed below.

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/ajc-rnvf-dhu>

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In Person: 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 - Stat Conference Room

Board Members Present

Lisa Blanchet – Chair/Public at Large
Michael Hall – Eastern MD
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD
Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

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

Call to Order

Chair Lisa Blanchet presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Chair Blanchet welcomed everyone and addressed the Board, noting that this is her first meeting chairing the Board and expressed excitement to join the team.

Approval of Open Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet.

Review and Adoption of June 17, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passes with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet.

Discharge from Geothermal Well Drilling – Howard Co. Bureau of Environmental Services

- Amanda Redmiles presented on behalf of Cynthia Alden and Maxwell Anthony, who were unable to attend.
- Expressed concerns regarding recurring discharge issues associated with geothermal well drilling in Howard County. Requested that the Board assist with provider/licensee education. Though non-routine, the Board discussed and approved outreach measures.
- Next Steps:
 - Amanda to email licensees a friendly reminder regarding sediment control best practices.
 - Amanda to coordinate with the Maryland Delaware Water Well Association (MDWWA) to schedule an MDE speaker on sediment control for their annual conference.

Executive Director Comments

- FY26 Revenue & Expenditures Update

BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS REVENUE & EXPENDITURES FY26

FY26 APPN \$128,425

Month	Running Expenditures	Monthly Expenditures	Running Revenue	Monthly Revenue
JULY	\$10,892.99	\$10,892.99	\$925.00	\$925.00
AUGUST	\$22,512.70	\$11,619.71	\$2,700.00	\$1,775.00
SEPTEMBER	\$41,747.25	\$19,234.55	\$4,925.00	\$2,225.00
OCTOBER	\$54,074.12	\$12,326.87	\$6,400.00	\$1,475.00
NOVEMBER	\$66,660.39	\$12,586.27	\$7,000.00	\$600.00
DECEMBER	\$80,559.60	\$13,899.21	\$7,875.00	\$875.00
JANUARY	\$93,286.60	\$12,727.00	\$8,825.00	\$950.00
FEBRUARY	\$106,280.56	\$12,993.96	\$9,325.00	\$500.00
MARCH	\$125,038.85	\$18,758.29	\$11,400.00	\$2,075.00
APRIL	\$131,327.71	\$6,288.86	\$12,425.00	\$1,025.00
MAY	\$143,828.34	\$12,500.63	\$13,950.00	\$1,525.00
JUNE			\$15,150.00	\$1,200.00
		\$143,828.34		\$15,150.00

- FY27 Revenue & Expenditures
 - Nothing to report at this time. Fiscal has not released the figures yet.
- Passing of W. Kenneth Wood
 - Amanda Redmiles informed the Board of the passing of longtime licensee W. Kenneth Wood on July 11, 2026, at the age of 82. Mr. Wood was the owner and operator of Lifetime Wells in Denton and had held a Master Well Driller license since 1991. Beyond his professional work, he was widely recognized for his international philanthropic efforts, providing clean water access to communities in Ghana and helping restore eyesight to thousands across Africa.
- Board Member Oaths
 - Amanda Redmiles took account of which Board Members have reported to their respective Circuit Courthouse to take their oaths for the July 2026-June 2028 term.

Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

New Business

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle
1	National Drilling Association	Drill Expo 2026	Nashville, TN	9/18/2026	All Licenses	4.5	2026-2027
2	Phase Technologies	Phase University	Rapid City, SD	10/12-14/2026, 10/26-28, 2026, 11/9-11/2026	MWD, MGD, MSD, JWD, JGD, JSD, AWD, PIO, API, WRO	15	2026-2027
3	National Groundwater Association	NGWA 2026	Las Vegas, NV	12/8/26 - 12/10/26	All Licenses	14	2026-2027
4	Nelsen Corp	2026 Nelsen Corp Water Academy	Germantown, MD	8/11/26	MWD, MGD, MSD, JWD, JGD, JSD, AWD, WCI, AWC, WRO	5.5	2026-2027

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Mike Hall to approve above continuing education credits with a conditional approval of #4 once a copy of an updated certificate is provided with the credit hours. The motion passed with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet.

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Haney, Jimmie	MWD	Allied Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
2	Hockenberry, Randall	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
3	Lunsford, Tanner	AWD	Parratt-Wolff, Inc.	Recommend	Approved
4	Miller, Ryan	AWD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
5	Neff, Gavin R.	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
6	Rook, Michael	AWD	Parratt-Wolff, Inc.	Recommend	Approved
7	Warrington, Austin	AWD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
8	Wimer, Aiden	AWD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved
9	Young, Colton	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling	Recommend	Approved

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the above application for their respective exam. The motion passed with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet.

- August 2026 Exam Results

SCHEDULED	9
SHOWED	7

PASSED	6
FAILED	1
AVERAGE GRADE	75%

Types of Exams to Pass

Apprentice Well Driller – 5

Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical) – 1

Types of Exams to Fail

Apprentice Well Driller – 1

Applicants That Passed the Examination

Adam Jackson Wood - Apprentice Well Driller

Brady Easterday - Apprentice Well Driller

Jordan Easterday - Apprentice Well Driller

Joseph Ingegneri - Apprentice Well Driller

Landen Strobel - Apprentice Well Driller

Edward B. Walters - Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical)

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve all of the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention from Lisa Blanchet.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nothing to report.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to move into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet. Lisa Blanchet 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 Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to adjourn. The motion passed with one abstention by Lisa Blanchet.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Mike Hall and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski Board members approved moving into closed session on August 26, 2026, 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: Lisa Blanchet, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Steven Kwiatkowski and Mike Hall. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Alex Rubin and John Boris. Board counsel Jennifer Bowman was also present.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Lisa Blanchet read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved of the August 26, 2026, meeting agenda; reviewed and approved the June 17, 2026, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and finalized the Pump Installer Operator exam changes.