



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

**Please note, this is a virtual meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend by accessing the virtual link or calling into the phone number below.*

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/oif-ebvx-acw>

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Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public at Large
Larry Brenneman – Western MD
Michael Hall – Eastern MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

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

Excused Absent

Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

Guests

Nathan Comer

Call to Order

Chairman, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Chairman Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the Board that he has not been reappointed as Chairman and that his final Board meeting will be in June.

Approval of Open Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of February 25, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the meeting

minutes with a correction on page 4. The percentage should be 37% instead of 1.37%. Additionally on page 11 under “application qualifications” it should read “his WV license was issued” instead of “his VW license was issued.” The motion passed with two abstentions by Hahns Hairston and Dave Kelly.

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	\$33,405.69	\$22,512.70	\$2,700.00	\$1,775.00
SEPTEMBER	\$75,152.94	\$41,747.25	\$4,925.00	\$2,225.00
OCTOBER	\$129,227.06	\$54,074.12	\$6,400.00	\$1,475.00
NOVEMBER	\$195,887.45	\$66,660.39	\$7,000.00	\$600.00
DECEMBER	\$276,447.05	\$80,559.60	\$7,875.00	\$875.00
JANUARY			\$8,825.00	\$950.00
FEBRUARY			\$9,325.00	\$500.00
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
		\$276,447.05		\$9,325.00

Old Business

- There is nothing to discuss currently.

New Business

- Continuing Education Credits Approval
 - There are no continuing education courses to review.
- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Brown, Samuel C.	PIO	SMW Sales, LLC	Recommend	Approved
2	Carmine Jr., Richard C.	PIO	SMW Sales, LLC	Recommend	Approved
3	Erazo, Orli	MWD	Allied Well Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Approved
4	Healy, Connor	AWD	Cascade Environmental	Recommend	Approved
5	McGuire, Brian	AWD	MB Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Approved

6	Petrychi, Stephen	AWD	Allied Well Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Approved
7	Rausa, Jeffery	MWD	MB Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Approved for the MGD exam unless he can provide 10 water well permit numbers from 2002-2021 under his sponsor at the time.

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above applications for their respective exam. Jeffery Rausa will be given the opportunity to change license category from MWD to MGD unless he can provide 10 water well permit numbers from 2002-2021 under his sponsor at the time. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nathan Comer spoke to the Board regarding his pending application. The application was not presented to the Board at today’s meeting for the following reasons: (1) it was not notarized, (2) the social security number was missing, and (3) supporting documentation of his licensure history was not provided. Mr. Comer stated that he recently moved to the United States and inquired whether the Board would honor his licensure from Australia. He applied for a Master Well Driller license. The Board advised him to submit the remaining required documentation to Amanda Redmiles in order to complete his application, including any additional records from Australia verifying the duration and type of licenses he held while there.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to move into closed Session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston. Hahns Hairston 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 Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather Quinn to adjourn. The motion passed 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 Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples Board members approved moving into closed session on March 25, 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: Hahns Hairston, Larry

Brenneman, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, and Dave Kelly. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles and Alex Rubin. Board counsel Jennifer Bowman was also present.

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

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved of the March 25, 2026, meeting agenda; reviewed and approved the February 25, 2026, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and worked on fixing minor grammar issues and sentence structures within the .01 and .04 of the regulations.