



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 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/vhz-jwdq-ikq>

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

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public at Large
Michael Hall – Eastern MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Robert Peoples – MDE
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

MDE Staff Present

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

Excused Absent

Larry Brenneman – Western MD

Guests

Lisa Blanchet

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.

Approval of Open Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the agenda

with the addition of Regulations added under New Business. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

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

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the meeting minutes with the addition of the virtual meeting disclaimer to the header. The motion passed with two abstentions by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

- Board Appointments
Amanda Redmiles has advised the Board that Green Bag has advised that the 2026 Legislative Session has officially concluded. It was also reiterated that Hahns Hairston not been reappointed as Chairman and his final Board meeting will be in June. Additionally, Ms. Redmiles announced Lisa Blanchet will be the new Board Chair starting July 1, 2026.
- Introduction of Lisa Blanchet
As the incoming Board Chair, Lisa Blanchet introduced herself to the Board members. She advised that she plans to attend the next two meetings to become familiar with meeting procedures and to receive updates on current Board matters.
- FY26 Revenue & Expenditures Update
Ms. Redmiles presented the Board Revenue and Expenditures from FY26. She advised there have been changes from what was presented in March due to miscalculations.

**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			\$11,300.00	\$1,975.00
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
		\$106,280.56		\$11,300.00

Old Business

- There is nothing to discuss currently.

New Business

- Approval of Regulation Rewrite

- The Board Members reviewed the drafted regulations. Robert Peoples noted errors on:
 - Page 6 (Adjusted page 4 in Formatted Regs): "Environment Article" required capitalization and the section symbol added;
 - Page 14 (pg.11): Changed "this chapter" to "These Chapters";
 - Page 15 (pg. 11) Citation "COMAR 26.05.04.03C" changed to "State Government Article 10-208/10-209 --> 10-213 &10-214"; and,
 - Pg.15 (pg.11): Citation "COMAR 26.05.04.03G" changed to "State Government Article § 10-222.
- The Board will receive an updated version of the proposed regulation changes by May 1st and Ms. Redmiles requested board members respond individually via email by May 8th with any additional edits. A final vote will take place on May 27th.

● Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	West Virginia Water Well Association	2026 Spring Conference	Sutton, WV	4/9/26 - 4/10/26	All Licenses	Up to 12.25	2025-2027	Approved for Up to 10
2	PA Rural Water Association	Pennsylvania Rural Water Association Technical Training Conference	State College, PA	3/24/26 - 3/26/26	All Licenses	Up to 18	2025-2027	Approved for Up to 18
3	Water Quality Association	WQA Convention & Expo 2026	Miami Beach, FL	4/28/26 - 4/29/26	All Licenses	Up to 8.5	2025-2027	Approved for Up to 8

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

● Examination Qualifications

	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Haney, Jimmie	MWD	Allied Well Drilling	Recommend	Too soon to apply based on JWD license date. Represent in August/September. Needs OSHA refresher.
2	Medina, Carlos	JWD	Allied Well Drilling	Recommend	Needs OSHA 40-hour before being approved. Conditional approval. Changed exam type from JWD to JSD to avoid 40 Hour OSHA.
3	Trossbach, Cory	AWD	Bob Taylor Engineering	Recommend	Approved

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the above applications for Cory Trossbach to take the Apprentice Well Driller exam. Jimmie Haney will be notified that it is too soon for him to sit for the Master Well Driller exam based on the date he received his Journeyman Well Driller license. Carlos Medina received a conditional approval, he must obtain a 40-hour OSHA certificate, or he can change his application from Journeyman Well Driller – General license to a Journeyman Well Driller – Water Supply license. Amanda

Redmiles will reach out to both Haney and Medina to communicate the outcome. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- February 17th Exam Results

SCHEDULED	33
SHOWED	22
PASSED	16
FAILED	6
AVERAGE GRADE	68.7%

Types of Exams to Pass

- Apprentice Well Driller – 13
- Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical) – 1
- Master Well Driller (Geotechnical) - 1
- Master Well Driller (Water Supply) – 1

Types of Exams to Fail

- Apprentice Well Driller – 6

Applicants That Passed the Examination

- Javier J. Castro - Apprentice Well Driller
- Bo Tyler James Crandell - Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical)
- Cameron M. Dunn - Apprentice Well Driller
- Kenneth Foy Jr. - Apprentice Well Driller
- Christopher Friedenberger - Apprentice Well Driller
- Ronald Hercules - Apprentice Well Driller
- Daniel Johnson - Apprentice Well Driller
- Tracey Ogden - Master Well Driller (Water Supply)
- Sage Pendino - Apprentice Well Driller
- Richard Reny - Apprentice Well Driller
- Evan M. Riggin - Apprentice Well Driller
- Ruben Ruiz - Apprentice Well Driller
- Brian K. Siwinski Sr. - Master Well Driller (Geotechnical)
- Wesley Smith - Apprentice Well Driller
- Ethan Swift - Apprentice Well Driller
- Jesus Zetina-Rojas - Apprentice Well Driller

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Mike Hall to approve all of the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention from Hahns Hairston.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Steven Kwiatkowski expressed an issue he experienced with the Prince Georges County Health Department while requesting an emergency permit to drill. He was advised by the PCHD over the phone to drill without being provided with a permit number. Mr. Kwiatkowski was

encouraged by Amanda Redmiles to email her and John Boris with all of the details so that matter could be investigated further by the Well Construction Program.

Ms. Redmiles reminded everyone of the National Drilling Associations – Mid-Atlantic Chapters Training Day event on May 1st in Libertytown.

Ms. Redmiles notified the Board of the unfortunate passing of S. Thomas Hall on April 19th. S. Thomas Hall has been a licensed Master Well Driller since 1978 and the President and founder of Somerset Well Drilling. The Board Members expressed their sincere condolences to the Hall Family.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski 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 Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Mike Hall 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 Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski Board members approved moving into closed session on April 29, 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, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly and Steven Kwiatkowski. 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 April 29, 2026, meeting agenda; reviewed and approved the March 25, 2026, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and made changes to the Apprentice Pump Installer exam.