



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 17, 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/kyh-xmvs-wqp>

Phone: +1 650-781-1437 PIN: 259 247 088#

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

Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

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

Absent

Michael Hall – Eastern MD
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

Guests

Lisa Blanchet
Aria Mallett

Call to Order

Chairman Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Chairman Hairston welcomed everyone and addressed the Board, noting that this would be his final meeting. He shared his goodbyes and expressed his appreciation to the Board and its members.

Larry Brenneman was also given the opportunity to address the Board, as this would be his final Board meeting. Larry shared his well wishes with the Board and expressed his hopes for its continued success.

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 May 27, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passes with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Remarks from Dee Settar

Dee Settar, Deputy Program Manager with the Water Supply Program, thanked Chairman Hahns Hairston and Vice Chairman Larry Brenneman for their lengthy service to the Board, the Department, and the State. She recognized their invaluable leadership and dedication, noting that their experience and contributions will be difficult to replace.

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			\$13,950.00	\$1,525.00
JUNE				
		\$131,327.71		\$13,950.00

Old Business

- Regulations Rewrite Finalizations
 - Page 4, 7, 8, 9,10 addressed formatting issues.
 - Page 12, under .02 → 3 Expand on the actual document itself.

Motion to approve the regulations to send to the Directors Office for final review and approval made by Rob Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly. Motion carried with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

New Business

- Continuing Education Credits Approval
 - No New Courses to Review
- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Walters, Edward B.	JGD	John D. Hynes & Associates, Inc.	Recommend	Approved

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the above application for their respective exam. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- June 2026 Exam Results

SCHEDULED	8
SHOWED	8
PASSED	4
FAILED	4
AVERAGE GRADE	66.5%

Types of Exams to Pass

Apprentice Well Driller – 2

Apprentice Water Conditioner – 4

Pump Installer - 1

Types of Exams to Fail

Apprentice Well Driller – 3

Journeyman Well Driller (General) – 1

Applicants That Passed the Examination

Samuel C. Brown - Pump Installer

Carianne Finch - Apprentice Well Driller

Stephen Petrychi - Apprentice Well Driller

Philip M. Rouchard - Apprentice Water Conditioner

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather Quinn 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

John Boris, Geologist Program Consultant with the Wastewater Pollution Prevention and Reclamation Program, provided an update on the online portal system. He reported that development of the portal has currently come to a standstill because the counties and health officers are not accepting electronic payments. The counties have declined to provide the

banking information necessary to facilitate electronic payments through the portal.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman 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 Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman 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 Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples Board members approved moving into closed session on June 17, 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, 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 June 17, 2026, meeting agenda; reviewed and approved the May 27, 2026, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and finalized the Pump Installer Operator exam changes.