

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet**  
**Video Link: [meet.google.com/uqv-qvrd-yom](https://meet.google.com/uqv-qvrd-yom)**  
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**Board Members Present**

Robert Peoples - MDE  
Larry Brenneman - Western MD  
Dave Kelly - Central MD  
Mike Hall - Eastern MD  
Brad Hartman - Southern MD  
Heather Quinn - DNR  
Hahns Hairston - Chairman/Public At Large

**MDE Staff Present**

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel  
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call for anyone present at the virtual meeting.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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

**Review and Adoption of June 22, 2022 Remote Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the June 22, 2022 open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Executive Director Comments**

● **Revenue & Expenditures**

**MAY (Final)**

REVENUE	\$2200.00
EXPENDITURES	\$10,383.72

## JUNE (Draft)

REVENUE	\$1375.00
EXPENDITURES	\$16,579.15

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY	\$9,123.97	\$2,325.00
AUGUST	\$10,425.58	\$900.00
SEPTEMBER	\$10,424.84	\$525.00
OCTOBER	\$10,422.84	\$225.00
NOVEMBER	\$15,610.19	\$725.00
DECEMBER	\$9,564.52	\$625.00
JANUARY	\$12,186.72	\$600.00
FEBRUARY	\$10,455.95	\$150.00
MARCH	\$10,365.70	50.00
APRIL	\$10,370.98	\$450.00
MAY	\$10,383.72	\$2200.00
JUNE	\$16,579.15	\$1375.00
TOTAL	\$135,913.64	\$10,150.00

- **Spanish Examinations Updates**

Duane Johnson indicated that all English examinations have been translated into Spanish. He said he will check with Dee Settar for next steps.

### New Business

- **Examination Qualifications for Approval**

NAME	EXAM TYPE	QUALIFICATION	EMPLOYER	EXP/ EQUIPMENT	RECOMMENDATION
Dakota Dalrymple	Apprentice Pump Installer	Meets 1 year experience  Installed or assist with well systems at 10 locations  Sponsor MSD244 in good standing  Letter of recommendation received	Quality Well & Septic Service 2013	Helper/pump puller-well pumps, pressure tanks helped install 700 wells.	Approve

Inocencio Ramirez	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1 year experience</p> <p>Installed or assist with well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD326 in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>	Allied Well Drilling 2020	Helper/Rotary, Geothermal, Water Wells	Approve
Timothy Shupe	Master Well Driller-Water Supply	<p>Meets 3 year experience,</p> <p>Installed or assist with well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD326 in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>	Allied Well Drilling 2011 License JSD144	Driller/Water Wells and Geothermal, Rotary	Approve
Heriberto Vivar	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1 year experience</p> <p>Installed or assist with well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD326 in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>	Allied Well Drilling 2017	Helper/Water Wells, Geothermal and Rotary rigs	Approve
Steven Webb	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1 year experience</p> <p>Installed or assist with well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD326 in good standing</p>	Allied Well Drilling 2020	Helper/Water Wells and Rotary rigs	Approve

		Letter of recommendation received			
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A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the above applicants to take their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Old Business**

- **Different States' Examination Qualifications**

Duane Johnson gave an update on the below draft chart currently being developed by a subcommittee of the Board detailing well drilling requirements of other states in comparison to Maryland. Duane Johnson informed the Board that links to state regulations were added to the draft chart along with a new column for the state of West Virginia. Board member, Heather Quinn, asked if the chart was meant to detail which states require examinations and which do not. Brad Hartman said all of the states listed require examinations except Pennsylvania was suggested that additional text should be added to the chart, such as when drillers take specific examinations. Hahns Hairston suggested adding a sentence directing people to check the links for updates. The Board decided to continue this discussion in closed session.

Class & Category	<a href="#">MD</a>	<a href="#">NJ</a>	<a href="#">NC</a>	<a href="#">DE</a>	<a href="#">VA</a>	<a href="#">PA</a>	<a href="#">WV</a>
MWD	2 years as a JWD in the same category	5 years of experience including 2 years as a Journeyman, exam required	7 years of experience, exam required	2 years of experience, must be licensed	6 years of experience, exam required	Business is licensed not the individual, no tracking mechanism	Additional 6 years of experience, exam required
JWD	3 years as AWD	3 years of experience under the supervision of an MWD			3 years of experience		4 years of experience
PIO	2 years as apprentice pump installer	2 years of experience under the supervision of a Pump Installer, JWD or MWD		1 year of experience in installation, maintenance and repair of pumps, must be licensed			3 years of experience

WCI	2 years as apprentice water conditioner installer						
AWD	1 year as a helper		18 months experience		1 year of experience		2 years of experience, minimum 3000 hrs. supervision
<b>Comparable with MD</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

No comments relating to the industry

**Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Heather Quinn to go 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 exception(s) (see below).

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Mike Hall to adjourn the open meeting. 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 that was seconded by Heather Quinn, Board members approved moving into closed session on July 27, 2022, 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: Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall and Brad Hartman.

The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson and Gayatri Mostaghimi.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

**Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the June 22, 2022, closed meeting minutes, discussed planning for legal counsel, the status of and additional changes to proposed regulation chart, and a letter received by the Board concerning a driller violation.