

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.**

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/vuh-pkgq-igh>

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

Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director
Sylvia Glover – OAG
Taj Goodlow – MDE
Alex Rubin – MDE

Guests

Jennifer Bowman – OAG
Mark Stanley – Performance Water Systems
Paula Broxson – Performance Water Systems
Chandra Reiff – Frederick County Health Department

Call to Order

Presiding Officer, Larry Brenneman, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Heather Quinn suggested moving pending renewal between item 5 and 6 to accommodate our guests sooner.

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to adjust the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

Review and Adoption of December 20, 2023 Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the Board's December 20, 2023 open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

Pending Renewal

Mark Stanley, Performance Water Systems, license # WCI151, spoke to the Board regarding his pending renewal. Mr. Stanley advised he did not receive his renewal paperwork from Duane Johnson in 2023. Unfortunately, he was missing five hours of continuing education credits from the 2021-2023 renewal period.

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to allow Mark Stanley to pull five continuing education credits from the current renewal period to fulfill the previous renewal period's requirement to receive his renewed license. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

Executive Director Comments

- FY24 Revenue & Expenditures Update

FY 24 APPN

\$134,613.00

Month	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY	\$5,876.43	\$3,775.00
AUGUST	\$27,456.37	\$375.00
SEPTEMBER	\$27,469.00	\$625.00
OCTOBER	\$45,605.03	\$1,650.00
NOVEMBER	\$57,722.79	\$1,900.00
DECEMBER	PENDING	\$3,000.00
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
MARCH		
APRIL		
TOTAL	\$164,129.62	\$11,325.00

*Amanda Redmiles will follow-up with fiscal to double check the monthly expenditures for October and November.

*Chairman, Hahns Hairston, joined the meeting.

- Website Updates
 - Active Rosters – Updated January 3, 2024
 - Amanda Redmiles plans to update query values to eliminate all licenses that are not active and scan for incorrect expiration dates.
 - Approved CEU Training Log – Updated January 3, 2024
 - Removed 2023 Schedules

- February 14th Exams
 - 15 individuals are scheduled to be examined.

Old Business

- Training Approval
 - DAB Pumps – 12/14 - 12/15 Courses
 - Training approval pending until four certificates are received.
 - All Star Training, Inc. – 5 Hour Water Well CE
 - All Star Training provided requested additional information.

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve All Star Training 5-hour Water Well course for continuing education credits. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

New Business

- Training Approval – None, standing item.
- Examination Qualifications

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather to approve the following applicants to take the examinations indicated below. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Outcome
1	Brown, Samuel	API	SMW Sales LLC	Board Approved
2	Cabit, Blake	MGD	Betts Environmental	Conditional Board Approval – Letter of Good Standing from Tennessee, South Carolina and West Virginia with verification of years licensed without violations.
3	Carmine, Richard	API	SMW Sales LLC	Board Approved
4	Cassell, Tyler Alan	AWC	Fogle's	Board Approved
5	Cassell, Tyler Alan	API	Fogle's	Board Approved
6	Holder, William J.	MGD	Hillis-Carnes	Board Approved
7	McCormack, Ryan	MGD	Betts Environmental	Conditional Board Approval – Letter of Good Standing from Tennessee and New Jersey with verification of years licensed without violations.
8	Perez-Cruz, Angel	AWD	Franks Well Drilling	Board Approved

9	Pierce, James Michael	AWD	Carroll Water Systems	Board Approved
10	Renaghan, Brian Paul	MWD	Clark Foundation	Board Not Approved Based on Lack of Experience and Letter of Recommendation
11	Ross, Brian Patrick	AWC	Fogle's	Board Approved
12	Ross, Brian Patrick	API	Fogle's	Board Approved
13	Stone, Dustin James	AWD	Carroll Water Systems	Board Approved
14	Wilkerson, Bryan L	WCI	Fogle's	Board Approved
15	Wilkerson, Bryan L	PIO	Fogle's	Board Approved

- Public Information Act Training
 - February 28th Board Meeting cancelled to accommodate Board Public Information Act Training provide by Amanda Redmiles.
- Ethics Training
 - February 28th Board Meeting cancelled to accommodate Board Ethics Training provided by Sylvia Glover.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nothing to report on this matter.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

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 Larry Brenneman seconded by Heather Quinn to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn that was seconded by Dave Kelly, Board members approved moving into closed session on January 24, 2024, 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, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Sylvia Glover, Alex Rubin, Jennifer Bowman and Taj Goodlow.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Larry Brenneman read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the December 20, 2023, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board Letter; ethical conflicts, a notice of violation by the County for failure to submit in the required timeframe, a notice of violation from the County for failure to meet floor requirements and discussed the status of regulation updates.