



## MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 @ 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 below phone number, or attending in person at the address information listed below.

#### Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/hdp-vjpt-oqd> Phone: +1 551-777-4503 PIN: 700 258 641#

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

#### **Board Members Present**

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

#### **MDE Staff Present**

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

#### **Guests**

Matt Rigatti on behalf of Anthony Stiltner and Douglas Myerchin - Dandelion Energy

#### **Call to Order**

Presiding Officer, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

#### **Roll Call**

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

#### **Presiding Offer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting including outside guests.

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Remove “Apprenticeship Expirations”
- Add “Examination Qualifications” as the new number 6

The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Review and Adoption of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the agenda with minor spelling changes. The motion passed unanimously with abstention from Dave Kelly and Hahns Hairston.

**Examination Qualifications**

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend
1	Amaya, James	JWD	Allied Environmental	Recommend & Approved
2	Dice, William	WCI	Negley's	Recommend & Approved
3	Hernandez, Gilton	AWD	Allied Environmental	Recommend & Approved
4	Lewis, Joshua	JWD	Connelly & Associates	Recommend & Approved
5	Martinez, Oscar	AWD	Allied Environmental	Recommend & Approved
6	Mullendore, Brandon	JWD	Connelly & Associates	Recommend & Approved
7	Myerchin, Douglas	MWD	Dandelion Geothermal	Recommend & Approved, pending Hazwoper.
8	Stiltner, Anthony	MSD	Dandelion Geothermal	Denied based on a lack of experience.

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the above applicants to take the examinations with the listed conditions. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Executive Director Comments**

- FY25 Revenue & Expenditures Update- A update is unavailable currently due to incomplete reports from the MDE Fiscal Department.
- 2025 Proposed Exam Dates

February 12, 2025
April 9, 2025
June 11, 2025
August 5, 2025
October 8, 2025
December 2, 2025

- 2025 Proposed Meeting Dates

January 15, 2025
February 26, 2025
March 26, 2025
April 30, 2025
May 28, 2025

June 25, 2025
July 23, 2025
August 27, 2025
September 24, 2025
October 29, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025

- Amanda Redmiles notified the Board of the unfortunate passing of Donald W. Kershner, owner and founder of Kershner’s Water Pump Services since 1876. Donald has been a licensed Pump Installer Operator with the Board since 1984.

**Old Business**

No old business to discuss.

**New Business**

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	Allegany College of Maryland	Heartsaver First Aid and Adult CPR	Cumberland, MD	9/24/2024	All Licenses	7	2023-2025	Approved
2	National Drilling Association	DrillExpo Convention	Cleveland, Ohio	9/26/2024	All Licenses	6	2023-2025	Approved
3	National Groundwater Association	Groundwater Week 2024	Las Vegas, NV	12/10/24 - 12/12/24	All Licenses	12	2023-2025	Approved
4	Milby Company	Pump & Drive School	Elkridge, MD	11/12/24	All Licenses	8	2023-2025	Approved
5	MDWWA	MDWWA Annual Convention	Annapolis, MD	02/6/25 - 02/07/25	All Licenses	10	2023-2025	Approved

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

- September 9<sup>th</sup> Exam Results

SCHEDULED	13
SHOWED	8
NO SHOW	5
PASSED	5
FAILED	3
AVERAGE GRADE	73%

### **Types of Exams to Pass**

Apprentice Well Driller- 1  
Apprentice Water Conditioner- 1  
Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical)- 1  
Master Well Driller (Water Supply)- 1  
Pump Installer - 1

### **Types of Exams to Fail**

Apprentice Pump Installer- 1  
Pump Installer – 1  
Water Conditioner Installer - 1

### **Applicants That Passed the Examination**

Brandon Lee Young - Apprentice Water Conditioner  
Jordan Coene- Apprentice Well Driller  
Brian Hynes - Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical)  
Jonathan O. Guindon- Master Well Driller (Water Supply)  
Evan Long - Pump Installer

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

### **Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

Nothing to report.

### **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 was 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 Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion was 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 Heather Quinn Board members approved moving into closed session on October 23, 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, Mike Hall, Dave Kelly, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples and Steven Kwiatkowski. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Jennifer Bowman, John Boris and Alex Rubin.

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

**Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the September 25, 2024, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board matter; were updated on previous violations, discussed new violations and complaints; and worked on rewriting regulations.