



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 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/pnj-xvxo-ihu> Phone: +1 218-301-2837 PIN:

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
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD
Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

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

Call to Order

Presiding Officer, Larry Brenneman, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Offer Comments

Larry Brenneman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the agenda with addition of Continuing Education Hours Concern under New Business. The motion unanimously passed.

Review and Adoption of March 13th, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion passed with one abstention by Robert Peoples.

Review and Adoption of March 26, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion passed with one abstention by Robert Peoples.

Executive Director Comments

- FY25 Revenue & Expenditures Update
 - No additional expenditure reports have been provided by the Fiscal Department since the last update and Amanda has not had an opportunity to update the revenue reports due to increased workload. The goal is to present these updates at the June meeting.
- Renewal Status
 - It is currently estimated that 69% of the licenses have been renewed. There is a delay for some license holders due to last minute continuing education courses. If the paperwork is not submitted by 6/1/2025 the licenses will be updated as inactive and late fees will be assigned.

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	All Star Training, Inc.	8 HR Water Well Industry Health, Safety, Drilling Rigs, Pumps, Abandonment of Wells, and Arsenic Removal	Online	Ongoing	All Licenses	8	2025-2027	BOARD APPROVED
2	All Star Training, Inc.	7 HR Water Well Topics: Corrosion, Rehabilitation, Hydrogeology, Locating Wells, and Common Causes of Well Failure	Online	Ongoing	All Licenses	7	2025-2027	BOARD APPROVED
3	All Star Training, Inc.	5 HR Water Well Topics: Sinkholes, Seals, Liners, Disinfection, Boreholes Geophysics Tools and E-Logs	Online	Ongoing	All Licenses	5	2025-2027	BOARD APPROVED

A motion was made by Heather Quinn to approve the above-mentioned courses and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion unanimously passed.

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Benedict, Brett Edward	API	Eichelberger's	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
2	Brunner, Steven	JSD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
3	Cummings, Justin	API	L&M Well and Pump Services	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED

4	Donovan, Steven David	AWD	Atlantic Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
5	Duklewski, Stephen	PIO	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
6	Duklewski, Stephen	WCI	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
7	Edwards, Jayden	JSD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
8	Flint, Bruce C.	AWD	Rauch, Inc.	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
9	Free, Maquire H.	AWD	Atlantic Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
10	Klejka, Jacob Allen	AWD	Eichelberger's	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
11	Krooshoop, Michael Anthony	MWD	Morris-Shea	Not Recommended Due to a Lack of Experience Requirement of COMAR	BOARD DENIED
12	Lape, Samuel	AWC	Fogle's Well Pump & Water Treatment	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
13	Lively, Samuel	AWD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
14	Neely, Connor	JGD	Eichelberger's	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED
15	Zimmerman, Bradley	AWC	Martin Water Conditioning	Recommended	BOARD APPROVED

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above applicants to take the examinations with exception of #11. The motion unanimously passed.

- April 9th Exam Results

SCHEDULED	35
SHOWED	28
RESCHEDULED	7
PASSED	15
FAILED	13
AVERAGE GRADE	68%

*Two individuals took 2 exams.

Types of Exams to Pass

Apprentice Pump Installer – 2

Apprentice Well Driller- 6

Journeyman Well Driller (General)- 3

Master Well Driller (General)- 1

Master Well Driller (Water Supply)- 1

Pump Installer- 2

Water Conditioner Installer- 1

Types of Exams to Fail

Apprentice Pump Installer- 4

Apprentice Water Conditioner- 1
Apprentice Well Driller- 7
Journeyman Well Driller (Geotechnical)- 2

Applicants That Passed the Examination

William Dice – Apprentice Pump Installer
Samuel Lape – Apprentice Pump Installer
Dillon Fahey – Apprentice Well Driller
Logan Gamble – Apprentice Well Driller
Angelo Lopez – Apprentice Well Driller
Patrick MacDonald– Apprentice Well Driller
Wilder Gonzales Perez – Apprentice Well Driller
Benjamin Robinson – Apprentice Well Driller
Brandon Mullendore – Journey Well Driller (General)
Marvin Arevalo - Journey Well Driller (General)
Robert Mohler – Journey Well Driller (General)
Brian Stayton – Master Well Driller (Water Supply)
Andrew Capelle – Master Well Driller (General)
Tyler Alan Cassell – Pump Installer
Tyler Alan Cassell – Water Conditioner Installer

- Continuing Education Hours Concern
 - Negley’s Well Drilling inquired whether unused education hours from approved courses taken in May 2025 may be carried over and applied toward the 2025-2027 renewal cycle, if not used for the current 2023-2025 renewal cycle. The Board advised unused education hours from previous renewal cycles towards future renewal cycles will not be honored.

Hahns Hairston joined the meeting.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nothing to report.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to go into closed session. The motion unanimously passed.

The presiding officer 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 Heather Quinn and seconded by Hahns Hairston to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly Board members approved moving into closed session on May 28, 2025, 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, Larry Brenneman read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the March 13, 2025, closed meeting minutes; reviewed and approved the March 26, 2025, closed meeting minutes; were updated on previous violations; discussed new violations and complaints; and worked with Board counsel on rewriting regulations.