



BOARD OF WATERWORKS AND WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS

Meeting Agenda
Thursday April 18, 2024 - 10:00 am
Location: Video Conference via Google Meet
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MISSION OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF WATERWORKS & WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS

The Treatment Systems that provide drinking water for our citizens and handle the wastes generated by our daily activities play an important role in protecting Public Health and the Environment of Maryland.

Through the Certification Program established by State Law, the “Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators” sets the education, experience and examination standards for Operators and Superintendents who work in these vital systems.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- ~~Doug Abbott~~ — ~~Water Supervision; Board Chair~~
- Bill Shreve Public at Large: Board Vice-Chair
- Ed Hogan Industrial Superintendents
- Bruce Darner Agriculture; WWOA Liaison
- Connie Luffman Wastewater Supervision
- Davina Yutzy County Government
- Ben Thompson Sanitary Commission
- Eric Dutrow Public-At-Large
- Joe Wright Maryland Environmental Service
- Anthony Nwagwe Maryland Department of Environment / Water Supply Division

LIAISONS, GUESTS & MDE STAFF PRESENT

- Dee Settar Deputy Director, Water and Science
- Taj Goodlow Division Chief, Environmental Board and Laboratory Division
- Jennifer Bowman Board Counsel
- Martin Fuhr Board Secretary
- Pamela Franks Board Staff
- Victoria Arbaugh Board Staff
- Alex Rubin MDE Water Supply
- Donna Dunlap Maryland Rural Water Liaison
- Clark Howells CWEA Liaison
- Melissa Coker MCET
- ~~Tara Jones~~ — ~~WSSC Liaison~~



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52 **A. Board Chair Comments and Guest Introductions**

53 Bill S. Will be running the meeting as Doug will not be attending today's meeting.
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55 **B. Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda**

56 Motion to approve agenda as amended—BRUCE DARNER—Second by Ed Hogan, Motion approved.
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58 **C. Review and Adoption of Draft March 2024 Open Meeting Minutes**

59 Minimal changes were made. Motion to approve minutes as amended. Ben made motion; Bruce seconded.
60 Motion approved.

61 **D. New Business**

- 62 a. Discussing backlog: Missing information from operators. Do we have an obligation to hold onto
63 applications that are incomplete? Bill Shreve suggests we send it back and add it to an excel sheet to
64 track it but put it back on the operators.
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66 Note: Well Driller board does a \$400 late fee if 30 days late.
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68 Dee left the meeting at 10:26.
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- 70 b. Cyber security: Trying to remove an individual from the facility. Going by last name and cert
71 Number. Working with IT to run the reports the way it needs to be done.
72 c. Superintendent Training took place April 11th.
73 d. Portal update: Met last Thursday with the IT team. Will be meeting with WWSO MDE staff to begin
74 looking into what is needed for the new Database.
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76 **E. Board Staff Report**

- 77 a. Revenue & Expenditures Report
78 Look into why the appropriation is less.
79 b. Exam stats
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85 F. Applications

86 a. Motion to grant reciprocity (Water 3) to Matt Growth—Ben Thompson-ed hogan second. Motion
87 approved.

88 Carrie Strong: Joe and Bill abstained. Martin changes for 10 month to 10 years' experience. Motion
89 to make that change by Bruce, seconded by Anthony. Motion carried.

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91 G. Comments by Board Members

92 No comments.

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94 H. Review of Action Items

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96 I. Discussion with Board Liaisons and guests

97 Ben Thompson: Utility conference. MDE McElwain came in place for governor because of Bridge. \$150,000
98 total cost. Chesapeake had 2 meet and greets. Still recruiting for the HS scholarship, college scholarships, and
99 Aaron Thomas Memorial scholarship still available for Baltimore County/city students.

100 Melissa Coker: Another round of training.

101 Bruce: Nothing to report

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103 J. Adjournment – Vote to move to closed session. No closed session required.

104 Joe motioned to adjourn, Bruce seconded, motion carried.

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