



**BOARD OF WATERWORKS AND WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS**

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday May 16, 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.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Doug Abbott Water Supervision; Board Chair
- Bill Shreve Public at Large; Board Vice-Chair (DELAYED)
- 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
- Sophia Oberton Municipal Government

**LIAISONS, GUESTS & MDE STAFF PRESENT**

- Dee Settar Deputy Director, Water and Science
- Taj Goodlow Division Chief, Environmental Board and Laboratory Division (10:34)
- Jennifer Bowman Board Counsel (DELAYED)
- 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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49 **A. Call to Order**

50 Doug Abott called the meeting to order at 10AM. Martin Fuhr called roll.

51 **B. Board Chair Comments and Guest Introductions**

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53 **C. Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda**

54 Ed Hogan made a motion to approve the board meeting agenda. Joe Wright seconded. Approved.

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56 **D. Review and Adoption of Draft April 2024 Open Meeting Minutes**

57 Minimal changes were made. Motion to approve minutes as amended. Bruce Darner made a motion, Anthony  
58 Nwagwe seconded. Motion approved.

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60 **E. Board Initiatives and Inquiries**

61 Martin Reported in Taj's place. Little progress has been made due to scheduling issues.

62 Discussion about license turnaround time and database creation information was presented.

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64 The short course will include the new 5A exam. Martin will send Doug and Bill the new question for review.

65 From the short course forward the new exam will be used. The AMP online exams will take more time to  
66 update. Martin will communicate to the board when the online exam is up to date.

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68 **F. New Business**

- 69 **a. Update on the Electronic Portal-** The WWSO Database is currently in development. There is no  
70 timeline, but the database is being built. This will streamline the process when completed. However,  
71 board staff will inquire as to what that timeline looks like and get back to the board.

72 Dee Settar has left 11AM

73 **G. Board Staff Report**

- 74 **a. Revenue and Expenditure report:** Martin was unable to present a report other than showing the  
75 monthly revenue. MDE's accountant has left, and there are several month's numbers for Martin to  
76 reconcile.

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78 **H. Applications**

- 79 **a.** After Martin presented his application, Ben Thompson made a motion to approve Freddie Glasgow  
80 for a full year of education substitution, Bruce Darner second. Motion passed.

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82 **I. Comments by Board Members**



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No comments.

### **J. Review of Action Items**

Anthony Nwagwe reviewed and added new action items.

### **K. Discussion with Board Liaisons and guests**

Chesapeake AWWA- Ben Thompson- Spring meeting with CWEA is next week on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Perryville at the Great Wolf Lodge.

MCET- Melissa Coker- Exam Pass Rate: Participants are not required to report their scores. There were 38 reporters, ~26 passed.

Bruce Darner—reviewing criteria for scholarship.

### **L. Adjournment – Vote to move to closed session.**

Closed session will begin at 1pm. Doug Abbott read the closed meeting documentation.

Motion made by Ed Hogan to adjourn, Joe Wright to second. Motion passed.