

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

May 14, 2020

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Members attending were: Verna Arnette; member and chairwoman, William Bowers; member; Mark Verbsky, member; Marco Deshaies; member, CarrieAnne McConnell; member, Tracey Phelps; member, and Tom Jedlinsky; member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Vanessa Consolo and Ann Fischbein. Brian Lierl from Greater Cincinnati Water Works was also in attendance.

At 9:04 AM, the Advisory Council meeting was called to order virtually through the Microsoft Teams Platform.

After review of the council minutes for April 16, 2020, CarrieAnne McConnell made a motion to approve the minutes. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
No water examinations were distributed on 5/14/2020.								

** assigned to review **x** reviewed package
s summary **m** mailed

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
Sherry Fair City of Mansfield, 1 st submittal			**		**	** s		**
Kevin Aiken Painesville WPC, 1 st submittal					**	**	**	** s
Paul J. Joseph City of Youngstown, 2 nd submittal					**	**	** s	**
Travis Pitts NEORSD, 2 nd submittal	**	**		**	** s			

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2) Class IV Actions

Water

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Keshia Kinney	City of Dayton	Recommend Approval
Franco Noce	Lake County	Recommend Return

Wastewater

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Dawn Taylor (tabled)	Liverpool WWTP	Recommend Approval

At 9:17am, Dawn Taylor from Liverpool WWTP joined the call.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to pass Keshia Kinney and Dawn Taylor and return Franco Noce. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Tracey Phelps and William Bowers abstained. Motion carried.

3) Extensions

Ed Smith requested an extension for his 3rd submittal on April 16, 2020. His due date was April 30, 2020 and he has not previously requested an extension for this submittal.

Kimberly Brown requested an extension for her 3rd submittal on April 16, 2020. Her due date was April 30, 2020 and she has not previously requested an extension.

John M. Lee requested an extension for his 2nd submittal on April 24, 2020. His due date is June 26, 2020 and he has not previously requested an extension.

William Bowers recommended granting Ed Smith, Kimberly Brown and John M. Lee six-month extensions on their Class IV examination submittals. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Tracey Phelps abstained. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Donald Feller has held a Ground Water Class B Well license from North Carolina since October 31, 2013. North Carolina's lowest certification is Class D and highest is Class A. He took a standard written exam from the North Carolina Operator Certification Program. North Carolina did not share a representative copy of the examination.

Ekeh Obinna has held a Water Distribution Class 1 license from Texas since December 3, 2015 and expired December 3, 2018. The lowest certification in Texas is Class D and highest is Class A. He took a standard written exam from Texas. Mr. Obinna's certificate is expired and therefore not valid in the state of Texas.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to reject Donald Fellar and Ekeh Obinna's reciprocity requests. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:29am, James Gellner joined the meeting.

5) Certifications Issued

27 Third Party Exam, Ohio EPA, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between April 16, 2020 and May 13, 2020. Certificates were issued to:

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Type	Class
Kody		Collins	Wastewater Collection	1
Kody		Collins	Water Distribution	1
Lance	E	Livesay	Water Supply	4
Marc	A	Jones	Wastewater Treatment	4
Donald	L	Hartman	Wastewater Treatment	4
Ty	K	Saunders	Wastewater Treatment	4
Christopher	L	Stephens	Water Supply	1
Thomas	C	Gray	Water Distribution	1
Tiffany	M	Phillips	Water Supply	2
Logan	M	Dray	Water Supply	1
Obinna	C	Ekeh	Water Distribution	1
Austin	M	Roell	Wastewater Treatment	1
Nicholas	O	Kennedy	Wastewater Treatment	1
John	H	Smith	Water Supply	1
Steven	P	Schneider	Wastewater Treatment	1
Preston		Keener	Wastewater Treatment	A
Tyler		Dewey	Water Supply	2
Moises		Gomez-Campos	Water Supply	1
Jeffrey		Reed	Water Supply	1
Corey	L	Smith	Wastewater Treatment	2
Tyler	M	Munday	Water Distribution	1
Andrew	M	Verbus	Water Supply	1
Dustin	J	Pikovnik	Wastewater Treatment	2
Kyle	P	Stechschulte	Water Supply	1
Kelsey	R	Bray	Water Supply	1
Ian	S	Hodges	Water Distribution	2
Justin	C	Green	Water Supply	2

6) Other Business

Between the April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020 Council meetings, four Class IV applications have been approved for Richard Soltis (WW, City of Bedford), William Blakely (WS, City of Sidney), Brian Thompson (WS, City of Cleveland) and David Sherwood (WW, City of Lima).

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 8 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in April 2020.

At 9:48am, Brian Lierl and Dawn Taylor left the meeting.

At 9:48am, Marco Deshaies made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:11am CarrieAnne McConnell made a motion move out of executive session. Mark Verbsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:20am Mark Verbsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to occur on June 18, 2020.

Council Approved: June 18, 2020