

Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators

Meeting Minutes

~ Friday, March 5, 2021 – 9:00 am ~

Meeting via Zoom Conference

Members Present:

- Brian Tarbuck – Chair, Professional Engineer Representative, Greater Augusta Utility District
- Amy LaChance – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Director
- Keith Levasseur – Class III Representative, Sanford Water District
- Brian McBride – Class IV Representative, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells
- Suzanne Yerina – VSWS Representative, CES, Inc.

Members Absent:

- Jonathan Ziegra – Management Representative, Boothbay Region Water District
- Kerry Smart – Class II Representative, Alfred Water District
- Mary Ellen Bowers – Vice Chair, NTNC Representative, Waterworks Management LLC
- Gregory Kidd – Educator Representative, NEWWTA

Board Coordinator and Clerk:

- Nathan Saunders – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Interim Licensing Coordinator
- David Welch – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Coordinator
- Tina Lemieux – Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program; Licensing Clerk

Guests:

- Matt Demers, MRWA
- Willis Emmons, MRWA
- Bruce Berger, MWUA

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Meeting called to order at **9:03 AM** by Brian Tarbuck.

1. Introduction of Guests and Board Members
  - a. 5 members present, 4 members absent, 3 guests
2. Public Comment
  - a. None
3. Agenda Additions
  - a. None
4. Old Business
  - a. Approve minutes – December 4, 2020
    - i. \*approval of meeting minutes tabled until next meeting, **6-4-21**
      1. Quorum reached, but 2 members not present at last meeting.
  - b. Budget – David Welch
    - i. Reviewed and discussed.
  - c. Complaint – BRANN-CPP, received 9-29-20
    - i. Board will revisit complaint process to ensure completion.

## 5. New Business

- a. RULEMAKING in 2021 – update BLWSO rules for clarity
  - i. Clarification in process with highlights on:
    1. License Classification
    2. Examination Requirements
    3. License Requirements
- b. 2020 Annual Report – Tina Lemieux, Licensing Clerk
  - i. Annual Report completed
  - ii. BLWSO Member seat problems to address with Governor’s Office
    1. Proper seat assignments of new and resigning members
    2. Updated information and expiration dates
- c. Requests for reading impairment proctoring of exams – David Welch, Licensing Coordinator
  - i. Precedent, cost, fairness to be addressed
  - ii. Due to Covid-19 there are continued issues with in-person examinations
- d. Concerns that AMP/PSI exams are too difficult – David Welch
  - i. David provided “testing statistics” to show tests taken and pass rates
  - ii. Board concluded that statistics showed no significant deviations from the average
- e. Extension of extended deadline (3-31-21)
  - i. Discussed
  - ii. Board concluded insufficient evidence to extend deadline further
- f. Elect chair, vice chair, and secretary for 2021
  - i. Chair: Nomination - Brian Tarbuck
  - ii. Vice-Chair: Nomination - Mary Bowers
  - iii. Secretary: Nomination - Greg Kidd

Vote for nominees:

1<sup>st</sup>: Keith Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian McBride Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

Motion to adjourn.

1<sup>st</sup>: Keith Levasseur

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian McBride

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURN – **10:13 AM**

**\*\*Next scheduled meeting: Friday, June 4, 2021**