

Minutes
Well Contractors Certification Commission Meeting
February 2, 2021 10:00 AM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 10:08 AM at 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC, Rm. 320 with Chairman Doug McVey presiding. The following persons were in attendance for the meeting:

Commission Members

Justin Barefoot
David Brown
Chris Deal
Laura Honeycutt (via telephone)
Doug McVey (via telephone)
Todd Muench
Doug Young

WCC Staff

Andrew Morgan

DHHS Staff

Legal Staff

John Barkley (via telephone)

Guest

None

I. Preliminary Matters

(1) Chairman Doug McVey called the meeting to order and requested cellular telephones be silenced.

(2) Chairman McVey then read the NC State Government Ethics Act which mandates that the Chairman inquire as to whether any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the Commission. The Chairman asked if any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict. No conflict of interest noted.

(3) The chairman also read a statement on the purpose of the Well Contractors Certification Commission: (Article 7A-Well Contractors Certification, G.S. 87-98.3). **Purpose:** It is the purpose of this Commission to protect the public health and safety by ensuring the integrity and competence of well contractors, to protect and beneficially develop the groundwater resources of the State, to require the examination of well contractors and the certification of their competency to supervise or conduct well contractor activity, and to establish procedures for the examination and certification of well contractors.

(4) Notation of Any Revisions or Additions to the Agenda

II. Action Items

(1) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the November 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes. Vice-Chairman Muench seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(2) Graduate Student Exemption

After lengthy discussion, Vice-Chairman Muench made a motion that graduate students are not exempt under 87-98.4 (4) public employee exemption. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(3) Contacting Legislature about Independence

Vice-Chairman Muench has contacted his Senator and Representative regarding WCCC independence. Commissioners and legal counsel requested minor revisions to the letter drafted for contacting the Legislature regarding independence from DHHS/DPH, then send the letter to Commissioners.

(4) Removal of Vent Pipe

The Commission discussed removal of vent pipes from the well seal. Commissioners agreed that removal of the vent pipe is breaking the well seal and therefore a well contractor activity. Commissioner Deal made a motion that removal of a vent pipe is breaking the well seal and is a well contractor activity. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Information Items

(1) Chairman's Announcement

Chairman McVey announced he will be retiring from Buncombe County Environmental Health at the end of the month.

(2) Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Drew Morgan, for activities that occurred from November 2020 to January 2021:

1) Exam Reviews	7
2) Exams	22
3) Field Observations	4
4) Civil Penalty Assessments	0

Commissioner Barefoot will assist Mr. Morgan with the February 23, 2021 written examination and Commissioner Young will assist with the April 15, 2021 written examination.

(3) Review Committee Report

Commissioner Brown presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in November and December 2020 and January 2021. The Review Committee has reviewed 11 applications for certification level A, 5 for level B, 9 for level C and 0 for level D. The Committee also reviewed 3 continuing education courses for pre-approval.

(4) Disciplinary Committee Report

Chairman McVey presented the Disciplinary Committee report for meetings held on January 12, 2021. Raymond Brown, IV, NCWC 3308-A and Hester Blissard, NCWC 4375-A were both given a letter of reprimand based on the disciplinary requests received.

(5) Budget Committee Report

Commissioner Honeycutt presented the Budget Committee report for the meeting held on February 2, 2021. The Committee decided to have a booth at the 2021 Jubilee and NGWA events. Also, the Committee voted to have Mr. Morgan attend the NDA event in Charlotte this September.

(6) Ethics Update

Mr. Barkley reminded the Commissioners to complete their Ethics Training when due and Commissioners Young and Deal have 6 months from their appointment date to take Ethics Training. Commissioner Deal stated he completed his ethics course in November 2020. Commissioner Young stated his ethics course is in progress.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – May 4, 2021 @ 10am, 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC

Review Committee – Mar. 2, 2021 @ 10:00am, at 501 Millstone Dr., Hillsborough, NC

Budget Committee – July 31, 2021 2101 N. Oak St., Myrtle Beach, NC

V. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Morgan, REHS
WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:



Douglas McVey, MS, REHS
Chairman, Well Contractors Certification Commission
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Date