

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 10:09 AM at 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC, Rm. 320 with Chairman Todd Muench presiding. The following persons were in attendance for the meeting:

Commission Members

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

WCC Staff

Andrew Morgan (via telephone)

DHHS Staff

Wilson Mize (via telephone)

Legal Staff

John Barkley (via telephone)

Guest

None

I. Preliminary Matters

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

(2) Chairman Muench 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

Commissioner Young asked that discussion of a new trade show display be added to the agenda

II. Action Items

(1) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the May 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Honeycutt made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(2) 2022 WCCC meetings

Chairman Muench asked Commissioners about moving meeting locations in 2022. The Chairman asked Commissioners to look at their 2022 calendars before this topic is brought up again.

(3) Contacting Legislature about Independence

Chairman Muench asked Commissioners if they have contacted their Senator or Representative. He then asked Mr. Barkley if contacting Phil Berger or Tim Moore directly is lobbying. Mr. Barkley suggested getting language changed to make the WCCC independent from State Government. Commissioner Brown expressed his concerns about multiple layers bureaucracy. Vice-Chairman Honeycutt stated independence will help free up resources and layers of bureaucracy.

(4) WCCC website

Chairman Muench brought up the topic about restoring accessibility to the WCCC website. The Commission would like for DEQ IT to restore Mr. Morgan's administrator access to allow for website updates.

(5) WCCC trade show display

Chairman Muench asked the Budget Committee to add a new trade show display to their next agenda.

III. Information Items

(1) Staff Report

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

1) Exam Reviews	5
2) Exams	25
3) Field Observations	10
4) Civil Penalty Assessments	0

Mr. Morgan presented the WCC exam preparation course at the South Atlantic Jubilee in Myrtle Beach, SC. Commissioners Muench, Deal, Young and Brown assisted with the July 30, 2021 written examination in Myrtle Beach, SC.

(2) Review Committee Report

Commissioner Brown presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in May, June and July 2021. The Review Committee has reviewed 10 applications for certification level A, 4 for level B, 8 for level C and 2 for level D. The Committee also reviewed 17 continuing education courses for pre-approval.

(3) Budget Committee Report

Commissioner Honeycutt presented the Budget Committee report for a meeting held in July 2021. The Committee asked for updates on Mr. Morgan attending NDA in Charlotte, NC and being an exhibitor at NGWA in Nashville, TN. Certification renewal percentage for 2021 was over 95%.

(4) Ethics Update

Mr. Barkley reminded the Commissioners to complete their Ethics Training when due.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – Nov. 2, 2021 @ 10am, 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC

Review Committee – Sept. 1, 2021 @ 10:00am, at 501 Millstone Dr., Hillsborough, NC

Budget Committee – Jan. ??, 2022, Greensboro, NC

V. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Morgan, REHS
WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:

Todd Muench

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