

Minutes
Well Contractors Certification Commission Meeting
August 9, 2022, 10:00 AM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 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

Christopher Deal via telephone
Chad Julian
Chauncey Leggett
Laura Honeycutt
Todd Muench
Heather Ray
Doug Young

WCC Staff

Andrew Morgan

DHHS Staff

Wilson Mize via telephone

Legal Staff

John Barkley

Guests

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) A roll call was taken to verify a quorum

(4) 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.

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

None

II. Action Items

(1) Presentation of service awards

Former Commissioner Barefoot was presented a plaque by Chairman Muench

(2) Evaluation of SEIs

The 2022 Statement of Economic Interest for new Commissioners Julian and Leggett were read by Chairman Muench

(3) Introduction of new Commissioners

Chairman Muench introduced Commissioners Julian and Leggett to the other Commissioners

(4) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Ray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the May 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the May 3, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Ray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(5) Election of new Review Committee member

Commissioner Young nominated Commissioner Leggett to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Julian seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(6) Election of new Disciplinary Committee member

Commissioner Leggett nominated Commissioner Julian to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Barefoot. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(7) Election of new Disciplinary Committee member

Commissioner Honeycutt stated she would like to move off of the Disciplinary Committee. Commissioner Young nominated Commissioner Ray to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner

Honeycutt. Commissioner Julian seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(8) Independence from State Government

The Commission discussed becoming independent from State Government. There are other changes Commissioners would like to make to Article 7B such as increasing the time allowed to regain certification due to failure to renew. Commissioners will have to wait until the long session begins in January 2023 before submitting letters requesting independence to Senators and Representatives. Mr. Barkley stated DHHS-EHS is willing to support legislation to become independent and assist if possible. Mr. Barkley then advised the Commissioners on how legislative bills move through the NC Legislature.

III. Information Items

(1) Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Drew Morgan, for activities that occurred from February to July 2022:

1) Exam Reviews	7
2) Exams	46
3) Field Observations	15
4) Civil Penalty Assessments	1

(2) Review Committee Report

Commissioner Young presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in February, March, April, May, June and July 2022. The Review Committee has reviewed 25 applications for certification level A, 4 for level B, 16 for level C and 9 for level D. The Committee also reviewed 20 continuing education courses for pre-approval. The Commission wants to look into database replacement and portability if leaving State government. Commissioners would like to know the timeline for a database replacement.

(3) Budget Committee Report

Commissioner Honeycutt presented the Budget Committee report for the July 30, 2022, meeting. 94% of certified well contractors renewed certification. Currently there are 1,094 certified well contractors. The WCC program took in almost \$215,000 in FY 2021-22. Chairman Muench stated he would like to review costs and find out what DHHS can do on new database approval from an outside vendor so WCC can pay for it. The Chairman believes it is time to update the spreadsheet he created in 2019 with current costs and possibly reconsider staying in State government. The Chairman also wants to look into the cost of printing the 2C well regulations.

(4) Display Sub-committee Report

Commissioner Deal presented the display sub-committee report for the July 29, 2022, meeting. Commission Deal stated the Committee wants to purchase 2 or 3 pop-up banners. Commissioner Deal solicited suggestions from other Commissioners as to content and photographs for the banners. Commissioner Ray suggested keeping the banners generic and potentially ordering tabletop and floor banners.

(5) Ethics Update

Chairman Muench reminded the Commissioners to complete their Ethics Training when due.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – Nov. 8, 2022 @ 10am, 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC

Review Committee – Sept. 13, 2022 @ 10:00am, at 5605 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC

Budget Committee – Jan. 30, 2023 @ 10:00 am at location TBD

V. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Leggett. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Morgan, REHS
WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:

Todd Muench

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