

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – May 9, 2019

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 9:34 AM in the Russell Room on the 3rd floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, J. Loureiro, A. Phillips-Griggs, C. Violette, E. Patton, M. Gamache and Board Administrator K. Maiorano were present. Board members R. Good and K. Meloy joined the meeting via phone. Nelson Walter representing EPOC, and Jacques Gilbert from DEEP and David Wrinn of the Attorney Generals Office attended the meeting.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 2019 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by R. Good, seconded by J. Loureiro, passed unanimously with E. Patton, J. Adams and A. Phillips-Griggs abstaining.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter had no comments.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #17-102

J. Loureiro reported that a letter to go to the LEP is under review.

Update on complaints #18-101 and #18-102

C. Violette reported that a meeting had been scheduled with the LEP.

Update on complaint #18-103

M. Gamache and J. Adams reported that continuing the review of documents and a meeting had been requested with DEEP staff.

Updated Board Member Roster

K. Maiorano will distribute a new roster via email to Board members and post it on the website.

Consideration of Application Number 2019 02175

Upon consideration of additional information provided by the applicant, S. Holtman made a motion to approve the applicant for acceptance into the May 2019 examination, seconded by J. Adams, passed unanimously.

Course titled “*Exposure Point Concentrations and You: Calculating 95% UCLs and Employing ProUCL to Compute Them for Use as EPCs*”

Materials provided to K. Maiorano documented that the course did not contain Massachusetts specific content and met the Boards criteria for 8.0 CECs.

•FYI - response to question regarding conflict of interest

A response to a question regarding conflict of interest from an LEP was distributed to the Board.

Item Development Workshop - July 17th Test Assembly Workshop – August 21st

Please identify LEPs that are interested in participating in these workshops.

Battelle conferences

Conference was approved at the previous meeting. K. Maiorano received additional information that the conference provider of the *Battelle 10th International Conference on the Remediation and Management of Contaminated Sediments* only requires sign in and sign out at the beginning and end of the day. This would not meet the Board’s requirements. The LEP requesting approval has an attendance certificate for a workshop but not for the conference. It was decided that the website be revised to reflect that only the PFAS Workshop is approved for 7.5 CECs. The website will note that the conference does not provide the appropriate record keeping of attendance and is not approved for CECs.

E. New Business

Question regarding hardship

The Board considered a question from EPOC regarding a hardship situation where an LEP was short credits, but due to a medical situation, the LEP was unable to obtain additional credits by the June 30, 2019 deadline. D. Wrinn indicated that since the regulation made a specific reference to hardship for obtaining CECs during distance learning but makes no reference to hardship for obtaining the required amount of CECs, there is no ability of the Board to provide relief in this situation.

An option is to allow the license to lapse and apply for a new license. This would provide a six-month reprieve to obtain the additional CECs but would require the payment of \$1,062.50. The license number will be different, as it would be considered a new license.

The Board members expressed regret in the ability to provide relief and will consider a provision in future regulatory changes to provide such flexibility.

Course Approvals

Course approval request from AIPG for course titled *“The Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Environmental Site Assessment”* for 4.0 CECs. A motion to deny credit was made by C. Violette, seconded by J. Loureiro, passed unanimously.

Course approval request from LEP for college course titled *“Mineralogy”* for credit. A motion to deny credit was made by C. Violette, seconded by E. Patton, passed unanimously.

“Fundamentals of Dredging” A provider sought the Boards reflection of whether this course would be considered for credit. The consensus of the Board was that this course was not approvable.

Course approval request from Rutgers for conference titled *“MGP Conference”* for CECs. On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the conference was approved for 50% credit up to a total of 6.25 CECs, passed unanimously. Portions of the conference that were not determined to be acceptable included the courses on dredging and ethics on Monday October 7, 2019, the lunch presentation and panel discussion on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Discussion – revisit course approvals

S. Holtman and J. Loureiro reported attending a course that had been approved and they did not feel was worthy of the CECs. It was discussed that the Board should not provide an approval for this course if given in the future. The Board also sought the feedback from the participant survey from EPOC. The Horizontal Wells course will be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion – Hazardous Waste Courses

C. Violette suggested that it would be beneficial to have a course on remediation wastes and the overlap with RCRA and TSCA. The Board suggested that Nelson relay this suggestion to the EPOC Education committee.


Next meeting is June 13, 2019 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by S. Holtman, seconded by J. Loureiro and passed unanimously, Chair Collette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Minutes were approved on June 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,


John E. Adams
Board Secretary