

Minutes
Well Contractors Certification Commission Meeting
November 13, 2018 10:00 AM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 9:57 AM at 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC, Rm. 302 with Chairman Doug McVey presiding. The following persons were in attendance for the meeting:

Commission Members

David Brown
Jonathan Dills (via phone)
Laura Honeycutt
Doug McVey
Todd Muench
Billy Yow

WCC Staff

Andrew Morgan
Gina Brown

DHHS Staff

Nancy Deal
Wilson Mize

Legal Staff

Guests

Doug Lassiter
Chauncey Leggett

I. Preliminary Matters

(1) Chairman Doug McVey welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order. He 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. He asked if any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict. No conflicts noted.

(2) 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.

(3) Notation of Any Revisions or Additions to the Agenda
Chairman McVey asked the Commissioners if they had any additions or revisions to add to today's agenda. No revisions or additions to agenda.

II. Action Items

(1) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner David Brown requested an update to his statement: Page 3, Section 7, Line 8. "...there is too much unsure" to "I am generally in favor of the idea, I just want to make sure it's sustainable". Chairman McVey stated there could not be a vote on the approval of the minutes until that is rectified. Updated copy is attached.

(2) Discussion with Mr. Doug Lassiter: Lobbyist for the NC Septic Tank Association

Mr. Lassiter asked if WCCC was set up with a designation to a primary department under the General Statutes, or was it left blank which could be an independent occupational licensing board. Drew Morgan stated that in the article it is listed with-in the department. Mr. Lassiter said the designation at the creation is the nexus for everything. He stated that he is not a lawyer and John Barkley is not in attendance, but there could be a legal technicality that you actually have to get the Governor's permission to transfer to an independent [occupational licensing board]. Mr. Lassiter stated there are 18 hundred licensed septic contractors with a renewal fee of \$95.00, after their initial fee of \$300, for future revenue comparison to WCCC's current numbers, fees, CEUs, provided by Drew Morgan.

(3) Going independent vs. staying in State Government

Discussion with Mr. Lassiter continued from section 2. Chairman McVey stated there needs to be additional conversations on the subject. There was not enough time to complete the discussion, additional time will be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

III. Information Items

(1) Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Drew Morgan, for activities that occurred between July 2018 and October 2018

1) Exam Reviews	7
2) Exams	35
3) Field Observations	3

The floor was open for questions; discussion on the applicant examination preparation course, as an in-person 2-hour course with a small fee to cover costs. Further discussion is necessary for this project.

(2) Rulemaking: Rule .0120 approved

Drew Morgan passed out an FYI copy of the approved updates that have been posted on the website. There were no questions or comments.

(3) Certification Level Reclassification Update

Commissioner Todd Muench presented hand-out Proposed Changes to 15A NCAC 27. Question: Would changes need to be made by an official rule change? and if doing a rule change, would it be better to combine with other updates, due to the complex process? or just a change in the classification language for this project?

Unscheduled / New Business

Request by Chauncey Leggett, in reference to a reduction of fees to older drillers that would not be drilling but want to keep their certification card. The conversation ended without any decision or request for further discussion.

(4) Review Committee Report

Commissioner David Brown presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in August, September and October 2018. The Review Committee had reviewed 13 applications for certification level A, 7 for level B, 10 for level C and 1 application for level D. The Committee also reviewed 4 continuing education courses for pre-approval. Commissioner Brown started a discussion concerning the need for meaningful, relevant electrical exam questions.

(5) Disciplinary Committee

Chairman McVey provided an update from the November 5th, 2018 Disciplinary Committee meeting. There was one letter of reprimand, one decision to postpone final decision for 30 days, and one was closed without any action, this was due to lack of updated information, which is now current.

Unscheduled / New Business

Request by Chauncey Leggett, in reference to an appeal for funds to support a continuing education speaker on February 1st, 2019 during the NC Ground Water Association trade show in Greensboro, NC. The cost is \$750.00. Commissioner Brown called for a motion, Commissioner Honeycutt provided the 2nd. The request passed unanimously.

V. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – February 5, 2019 @ 10am, 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC

Review Committee – December 4, 2018 @ 10:00am, at 300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough, NC

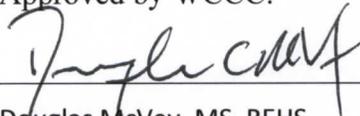
Budget Committee – February 1, 2018 @ 10am, at 1100 E. Wendover Ave- Greensboro, NC

VI. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 11.48 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Brown
WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:



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

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Feb. 5, 2019

Date