



**STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION
OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
MEETING MINUTES | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel D’Alessandro (telephone).....Board Chair
Gordon Sheetz (telephone) Board Vice-Chair
John Wagman (telephone) Board Member
Luke Helsel (telephone)..... Board Member
Michael Ciocco (telephone)..... Board Member

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) STAFF PRESENT

John Cantwell (telephone) Board Legal Counsel, DEP
Chloe Wilson (telephone).....Board Secretary, DEP
Leda Lacomba (telephone).....Counsel, DEP
Brian Schlauderaff.....DEP, BCW
Charles Klinger.....DEP, BCW

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samuel D’Alessandro at 10:06 a.m. The meeting was held through Microsoft® Teams online, as well as in-person, in the 12th floor conference room of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, at 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. A quorum was present.

BOARD VOTE FOR 2023 OFFICERS & SEO BOARD POSITIONS UPDATE

Chair D’Alessandro called for a discussion regarding officers for 2023. Ms. Wilson shared that Chair D’Alessandro’s nomination for reappointment to the SEO Board was still moving through DEP’s executive approval process. She expects to receive an update prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Board counsel John Cantwell advised that Chair D’Alessandro can continue in his present position until approval can be obtained.

Motion: John Wagman motioned for Chair D’Alessandro to continue in his present position, with Vice-Chair Gordon Sheetz seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Wagman motioned for Vice-Chair Sheetz to continue in his present position, with Chair D’Alessandro seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Chair D’Alessandro motioned for Ms. Wilson to continue as secretary, with Luke Helsel seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chair D'Alessandro requested consideration of the November 30, 2022 draft meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Helsel motioned to approve the minutes from November, with Mr. Wagman seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SOIL HUB DATES

Ms. Wilson confirmed that the 2023 Soil Hub dates for the precertification soils course will be April 12-13 at Shippensburg, May 17-18 at Bloomsburg University, and August 9-10 at a location to be determined. She shared that Soil Hub is open to scheduling additional dates if demand dictates. Charles Klinger advised that the instructor for Soil Hub tries to hold a class in Indiana University to accommodate candidates who reside in the west.

CERTIFICATION OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Chair D'Alessandro requested feedback from the Board regarding the results of the February 10, 2023 SEO Certification Examination. Ms. Wilson reported of the 4 candidates who sat for the exam, 2 had passed and 2 had failed.

Motion: Vice-Chair Sheetz motioned to certify the 2 candidates who had passed the exam. Michael Ciocco seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair D'Alessandro requested an update on the proposal to hold the exam at regional offices. Brian Schlauderaff provided information on what would need to be accomplished for the process to be successful. Vice-Chair Sheetz inquired about PSATS and their involvement with the SEO Academy. Mr. Schlauderaff advised regarding plans to make the SEO Academy available on the Clean Water Academy website as a web-based training and believes PSATS will continue to hold an in-person SEO Academy, with PASEO expressing interest as well. Vice-Chair Sheetz offered to assist, should PASEO endeavor to offer the SEO Academy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present in person. Chair D'Alessandro inquired if members of the public were present by telephone and/or electronically. No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair D'Alessandro called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Vice-Chair Sheetz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023