

STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

DRAFT MINUTES | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

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)	
Chloe Wilson (telephone)	
Brian Chalfant (telephone)	DEP, Policy Office
Leda Lacomba.	Counsel, DEP
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT	

Jesse (telephone) Erie County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samuel D'Alessandro at 10:11 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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chair D'Alessandro requested consideration of the November 15, 2023, draft meeting minutes.

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

2024 OFFICER ELECTIONS & SEO BOARD POSITIONS UPDATE

Board Counsel John Cantwell advised that a chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected annually by majority vote.

Motion: Mr. Wagman made a motion for Chair D'Alessandro to continue in his present position with Gordon Sheetz as vice-chair. Michael Ciocco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

A request for a testing accommodation was received from a candidate on Wednesday, March 20 and was granted by board vote through email on Wednesday, March 27. Chair D'Alessandro requested feedback from the Board regarding the results of the April 12, 2024, SEO Certification Examination. Ms. Wilson reported of the 13 candidates who sat for exam, 10 had passed and 3 had failed.

Motion: Mr. Helsel motioned to certify the 10 candidates who had passed the exam. Mr. Ciocco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wilson shared that staff were currently conducting a field review of the SEO Precertification Academy which will be offered by DEP in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present in person. One member of the public was present via telephone. No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Mr. Wagman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Helsel seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 26, 2024