

**MINUTES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CERTIFICATION OF**  
**MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS**  
**October 8, 2020 – Virtual Teams Meeting**

Meeting was called by announcement dated June 11, 2020. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Ross at 9:06 a.m. Roll call of Board members:

Members Present: Christine Veldkamp  
Myron Erickson  
Brian Ross  
Louise Lieberman  
Todd Sneathen

Staff Present: Alyssa Sarver  
Earl Wuestnick

Erikson asked if this meeting today is valid because of Michigan's Supreme Court Decision ending the Governor's Executive Orders. Staff explained that the decision takes effect in 21 days from October 2, 2020.

**COVID19 Updates and Exam Changes:**

Sarver explained that the November 5, 2020 exams are scheduled to take place unless COVID19 Governor's Directives and CDC social distancing requirements can not be met for the exam. The examinees will be pushed to the May 6, 2021 exam at no cost if the November exam is cancelled. Upon request, any operators not wanting to take the November 5, 2020 exam due to COVID19 and other concerns will be pushed to the May 6, 2021 exam.

Staff explained to Board the December 10, 2020 meeting may not take place unless there is a resolution of the use of virtual meetings for Board Meetings during COVID19. The Board will be notified if the December meeting will be canceled or rescheduled.

Changes to exam locations due to hotel availability was discussed. The Romulus Wyndham Gardens location is moving to Novi Suburban Collection Show Place, the Lansing location is moving from to the Lansing Crown Plaza & Okemos Conference Center. The Midland location is moving from the Great Hall Conference Center to the Saginaw Horizons Conference Center. The Grand Rapids Location is moving from WMU to the Grand Plaza Hotel.

Exam rooms will have 9 examinees and 1 proctor in each room for a total of 10 max per room as required by EGLE and the Office of the State Employer.

**Opportunity to Amend Agenda:**

No amendments to agenda.

**Bay College Course Program & Course Updates:**

Presentation by Troy Gallagher, Bay De Noc College, to update the Board on curriculum changes for the 2-year associates degree program. Vote to accept changes to the Board Approved program at Bay De Noc College. Motion by Sneathen. Second Erikson. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Classes

Into to GIS  
Team Project  
Water in Motion

New Classes

Process Control SCADA & Waste Operations Management 2  
Water & Wastewater Math  
Utility Management & Business  
Water Career Preparation  
Water Operations & Management 2

**Consideration of Minutes for June 11, 2020:**

Motion by Erikson to accept the June 11, 2020 minutes. Second by Liberman. Motion passed 5-0.

**Applicant Eligibility – Advice/Appeals.**

There were no appeals to be heard regarding exam eligibility.

**Applicant Eligibility – Industrial/Commercial:**

There were no applications with Industrial/Commercial experience.

**Applicant Eligibility – Approval/Denial:**

Wuestnick explained exam applicant statistics for all 6 exam sites. Motion by Veldkamp to approve/deny all received applications for the examination based on staff recommendations. Second by Erikson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Opportunity to review and provide comment on substance of July 2020 Municipal Wastewater Certification Exams:**

Examinations were not presented at the virtual meeting due to security and integrity of the exam as determined by EGLE Management.

**Requests for Acceptance of Courses for CECs:**

Motion by Sneathen to approve all Technical Courses presented for CEC values and categories as recommended by staff. Second by Liberman. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Erickson to approve all Management Courses presented for CEC values and categories as recommended by staff. Second by Sneathen. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Veldkamp to approve all Other Courses presented for CEC values and categories as recommended by staff. Second by Erickson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Items:**

No additional items.

**Next Meeting:**

Next Board meeting is set for Wednesday, December 10, 2020. Teams Meeting. Starting time to be 9:00 a.m. (Nov. post-exam meeting)

Meeting Schedule for 2021:

March 25, 2021 at 9am if virtual or 10am if in person. Pre-exam meeting.

June 10, 2021 at 9am. Post Exam meeting.

October 7, 2021 at 9am. Pre-exam meeting.

December 9, 2012 at 9am if Virtual or 10am if in person. Post Exam meeting.

Motion by Erickson to adjourn meeting, second by Liberman.

Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl Wuestnick,  
Recording Secretary