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## ***Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater and Drinking Water System Operators***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**January 20, 2026**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Robin Strader called to order the regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater & Drinking Water System Operators at 1:02 p.m. EDT, on January 20, 2026, in Frankfort, Kentucky and by Zoom.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Robin Strader conducted a roll call for the attendees. The following persons were present:

Robin Strader, Chairperson

Jason Marion, Vice Chairperson

Tony Hatton, Cabinet Representative

John Cruse

Paul Greathouse

Samantha Chisley

Mitzi Delius

Jessica Wilhoite, Certification & Licensing Branch (CLB)

Veronica Roland, CLB

#### Guests

Heather Stevenson, Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA)

Donna McNeil, University of Kentucky, (UK)

#### **III. Introduction of Guests and Guest Comments**

Heather Stevenson, KRWA, and Donna McNeil, UK, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Tony Hatton entered a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December 16, 2025, regular board meeting. Mitzi Delius seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **V. New Business**

1. Exam and Reciprocity Requests (Addendum 1)
2. Jason Marion entered a motion to release today's exam requests and list of approved trainings (Addendum 2). Mitzi Delius seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Robin Strader abstained from the vote.

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## **VI. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

## **VII. Communication and Announcements**

A financial summary of the wastewater certification account and drinking water certification account was distributed to the board members in their packets for their information.

Jessica informed the board members that the Certification and Licensing Branch will provide the updated wastewater treatment manual for their review. Board members were asked to return any comments to Jessica prior to the February meeting. At the next meeting, the board will discuss any comments provided, and the review of the examinations will begin.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

No executive session.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Tony Hatton entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mitzi Delius seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m. EDT.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: MD/PG

AI ID	AI Name	License Requested	Reciprocity	State	Determination	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Passed
170934	Michael Tsagalas	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	JC	Y
183325	Joseph Paul Bryan	DW Distribution IVD	N		Approved		JM	JC	Y
167694	Earl C Bledsoe	DW Distribution IVD	N		Approved		RS	MD	Y
172741	David W Shuler	DW Distribution IVD	N		Approved		JM	JC	Y
188228	Mario Tornero	DW Distribution IVD	Y	CA	Approved		RS	MD	Y
188228	Mario Tornero	DW Treatment IIIA	Y	CA	Approved		RS	MD	Y
188228	Mario Tornero	WW Treatment I	Y	CA	Approved		JM	MD	Y

AI#	Training Provider	Name of Training	Date	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
<b>Wastewater Trainings</b>					
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Small Wastewater System O & M Volume 2	12/9/2025	90.0	49.0
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants Vol 1 - C	12/9/2025	43.0	38.5
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Pretreatment Facility Inspection	12/9/2025	75.0	68.5
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Treatment of Metal Wastestreams	12/9/2025	26.0	23.5
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Collection System Methods	12/9/2025	30.0	14.75
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	Advanced Wastewater Treatment Danville	12/4/2025	12.0	12.0

<b>WW/DW Combined Trainings</b>					
82582	KY Water & Wastewater Operators Assoc	KWWOA - NKWD General Training	11/6/2025	6.0	6.0
188875	Eastcom Associates	Fundamentals of Underground Utility Locate Theory	1/21/2026	6.0	5.75
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	Addressing Natural Hazards in RRAs & ERPs	1/22/2026	1.0	1.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE for Operators: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park	1/21/2026	WW 8.0 DW 12.0	WW 8.0 DW 12.0

<b>Drinking Water Trainings</b>					
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Small Water System Operation and Maintenance	12/9/2025	90.0	84.25
177147	Illinois State Water Survey	2026 Virtual Operator Conference	2/3/2026	12.0	12.0
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Water Treatment Plant Operation Volume 1	12/9/2025	90.0	90.0
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	102C - Math Applications in Water Treatment	12/9/2025	21.0	19.0
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	103C - Math Applications in Water Distribution	12/9/2025	19.0	17.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE: Advanced Water Treatment & Rehabilitation	12/2/2025	12.0	12.0
189011	BMC Trenchless	Confined Space Entry Training	1/21/2026	5.0	4.25

<b>Certified Training Provider Approval</b>		
AI #	Training Provider	Approval Expires