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Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater and Drinking Water System Operators

Special Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 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 12:01 p.m. EDT, on July 30, 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
Carl Groce
John Cruse
Paul Greathouse
Samantha Chisley
Mitzi Delius

Jessica Wilhoite, Certification & Licensing Branch (CLB)
Veronica Roland, CLB
BJ Bland, CLB

Guests
No guests.

III. Introduction of Guests and Guest Comments

No guests were in attendance.

IV. New Business

A. Operator Disciplinary Case
   1. BJ Bland, CLB, began with presenting information to the board related to the complaint received from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) regarding Fleming Neon Water Company failing to submit their fluoride samples along with other required reports to the Division of Water.
   2. The board members have requested to speak with the following people at the next board meeting to be held on August 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. EDT.
      1. Nathaniel Wilder – Certified Operator
      2. Mayor Ricky Burke
      3. Richard Crask – CHFS
      4. Robert Back – Inspector
      5. Ashton Johnson – Hazard Regional Office

3. The Board requests clarification from Mr. Wilder regarding his responsibilities in his role as Fleming Neon Water Company's lead operator and designated point of contact, including the submission of required fluoride reports, Monthly Operating Reports (MORs), and Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). In addition, the Board requests that Mr. Wilder bring documentation supporting the operation of the facility, including records demonstrating required sampling has been conducted, laboratory analytical results, records of repairs to water line breaks, operator log books, and any other documentation he believes is relevant to these matters.
4. The Board requests Mayor Burke to provide documentation demonstrating the City's arrangements for required regulatory sampling. Specifically, please provide documentation showing the City has contracts or other agreements with certified laboratories to perform required drinking water and wastewater sampling. In addition, please provide any available documentation, including emails or other records, demonstrating whether required sampling has resumed since the investigation began.

V. Executive Session

No executive session.

VI. Adjournment

Mitzi Delius entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Marion seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. EDT.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: PG/MD