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

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 16, 2025**

**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 1:03 p.m. EDT, on September 16, 2025, in Frankfort, Kentucky and via 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  
Carl Groce

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

Guests

BJ Bland, Certification & Licensing Branch (CLB)  
Heather Stevenson, KY Rural Water Association (KRWA)  
Randall Kelley, KRWA  
Ricky Lush, Leitchfield Utilities, (LU)  
Russ Rose, Oldham County Water District (OCWD)  
Mandy Spalding, Lebanon Water Works, (LWW)  
Darren Thompson, LWW  
Madeline Traylor, Inspector, Paducah Field Office, (PFO)

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

BJ Bland, CLB, Heather Stevenson, KRWA, Randall Kelley, KRWA, Ricky Lush, LU, Russ Rose, OCWD, Mandy Spalding, LWW, Darren Thompson, LWW, and Madeline Traylor, PFO, 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 August 19, 2025, regular board meeting. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**V. New Business**

1. Exam and Reciprocity Requests (Addendum 1)

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2. John Cruse entered a motion to release today's exam requests and list of approved trainings (Addendum 2). Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Heather Stevenson with KY Rural Water Assoc went over the Apprenticeship Program and answered questions for the board.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

Apprenticeship Program - Prior to the board meeting, the board members had submitted additional questions to Heather Stevenson with KY Rural Water Assoc over the Apprenticeship Program. Heather provided answers to the board members questions. The board is requesting KY Rural Water Assoc to increase the total number of hours per semester to 90 hours. Heather and KY Rural Water Assoc agreed to increase the hours to 90 hours per semester. Heather will submit an updated Apprenticeship Program packet with the semester hours increase to the certification board for review and approval.

Tony Hatton made a motion to support KY Rural Water Association's Apprenticeship Program as substitution in the certification process with the 90 hours per semester change. A new application packet will need to be provided to the board for review. Jason Marion seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **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 gave a general update on the Certification and Licensing Branch.

### **VIII. Executive Session**

Jason Marion made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a possible disciplinary case. Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 1:32 p.m.

Carl Groce made a motion to exit executive session. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 2:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Robin Strader to have Mr. Taylor Ballard attend the October Certification Board meeting, in-person, for an interview regarding a complaint from the Cabinet's inspector Madeline Traylor from the Paducah Regional Office. The complaint is regarding Mr. Ballard's certification qualifications. The board requested he provide all documentation related to his job history and duties pertaining to groundwater treatment, distribution, wastewater treatment, collection, and his work at Center Ridge. The board members also requested Mr. Ballard's superintendent Brent Schultz attend the meeting. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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### **IX. Adjournment**

Tony Hatton entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m. EDT.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: JC/CG

AI ID	AI Name	License Requested	Reciprocity	State	Determination	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Passed
183563	Nathan G Humphrey	DW Distribution IV	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
104717	Gregory D Spillman	DW Distribution IV	Y	NC	Approved		RS	JM	Y
183558	Luke G Edmunds	DW Distribution IV	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
161014	William J Hampton	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
136131	William King	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
162417	Jeremiah L Jones	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y

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## List of Approved Trainings

Addendum 2

AI#	Training Provider	Name of Training	Date	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
<b>Wastewater Trainings</b>					
2449	Northern Ky Sanitation District 1	Loctite MRO Best Practices Workshop	8/27/2025	2.0	2.0
108606	Clean Water Professionals	2025 Wastewater Microbiology Training	10/24/2025	6.5	6.5
108606	Clean Water Professionals	Webinar: Evolution of Bacteria Testing	9/2/2025	1.0	1.0
108606	Clean Water Professionals	2025 Collection Certification School	9/9/2025	16.0	16.0
<b>WW/DW Combined Trainings</b>					
82582	KY Water & Wastewater Operators Assoc	KWWOA - Western Chapter - Ky Dam Village	8/12/2025	12.0	12.0
117036	AYPO Tech LLC	Storage Tanks	8/22/2025	2.0	2.0
117036	AYPO Tech LLC	Pipelines	8/22/2025	2.0	2.0
<b>Drinking Water Trainings</b>					
108573	KYTN AWWA	Water Distribution Operator Certification School	8/26/2025	18.0	18.0
133858	UK Water Resources Research Institute	Water Distribution Systems: Hydraulics and Water Quality	10/3/2025	6.0	6.0
137980	Vector Solutions	Drinking Water Quality - Monitoring & Security	8/26/2025	1.0	1.0
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1433 Best Practices	9/29/2025	1.0	1.0
<b>Certified Training Provider Approval</b>					
AI #	Training Provider	Approval Expires			