

Minutes of the Ohio Operator Certification Advisory Council

March 21, 2024

The Advisory Council met on March 21, 2024. Members in attendance were: Mark Verbsky, member; Todd Hone, member; Chad Roby, member; William Bowers, member; Steven Baytos, member; James Gellner, member; and Kimberly Furry, member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Kevin Swiadek, Pete Simcic, Susan Riggins, and Colt Bush. Michael Ritter, Joshua Zwick, and Quenten Matson, were also in attendance.

At 9:00 AM, the March Advisory Council Meeting was called to order.

After review of the council minutes for February 15, 2024, Kim Furry made a motion to approve the February 15, 2024, minutes. Todd Hone seconded the motion. James Gellner abstained. Motion carried.

1) Class IV Examinations to be distributed:

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	CR	MD	KF	JG	SB
Jack Evans, City of Huron, 3 rd submittal	**	**S	**				**	

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	CR	MD	KF	JG	SB
David Jenkins, City of Hamilton, 2 nd submittal				**	**	**S		**

3) Class IV Actions

Water

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Dennis Hartman, City of Dayton, 1 st submittal	Recommend Return
Amy Wilson, City of Barberton, 1 st submittal	Recommend Pass
Brandon Turner, City of Dayton, 1 st submittal	Recommend Return

Todd Hone made a motion to recommend returning Dennis Hartman's and Brandon Turner's exams. Chad Roby seconded the motion. James Gellner abstained. Motion Carried.

William Bowers made a motion to recommend passing Amy Wilson's exam. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Extension Requests

On March 11, 2024, Michael Brooks requested an extension for his 1st Class IV Wastewater Treatment submission. His current due date is April 12th, 2024. Mr. Brooks has not previously requested an extension.

Kim Furry made a motion to approve a one year extension for Mr. Brooks. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Reciprocity

Shayne Combs has held a Municipal Wastewater Operator Class C Certification in the State of Michigan since 5/4/2023. Michigan's lowest Wastewater Treatment Certification is a Class D and the highest is a Class A. A written exam was taken through Michigan and was previously reviewed by the council. It was determined that Michigan's exams were one classification lower in Ohio. Mr. Combs currently has 51 months of wastewater treatment experience.

Todd Hone motioned to approve a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment License for Shayne Combs. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Certifications Issued

124 Third Party Exam, Ohio EPA, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between February 12, 2024 and March 17, 2024. Certificates were issued to:

Brandon W Stubblefield	Water Distribution	2
Travis Holesko	Water Supply	2
Darrell Cross	Water Distribution	2
Eric Johnson	Water Supply	2
John McElfresh	Wastewater Treatment	2
Brian Patton	Wastewater Treatment	1
Eric Watkins	Wastewater Collection	1
Howard E Lunsford	Water Supply	3
Justin G Gress	Wastewater Treatment	3
Coleman Quay	Wastewater Treatment	3
Trey Wilhelm	Wastewater Collection	2
Timothy R Edgell	Wastewater Treatment	2
Burgess K Cline	Wastewater Treatment	3
Ryan Steven Hogan	Water Supply	1
Dima Al Amirburak	Water Supply	2
Patrick Brady	Water Supply	1
Bradly Nofziger	Wastewater Collection	2
Richard Smale	Water Supply	1
Patrick S King	Water Supply	3

David John Rentz	Wastewater Treatment	1
Cameron Caughey	Wastewater Treatment	1
Bryan Hill	Wastewater Treatment	2
Devin Renfro	Water Supply	1
Trevor Alan Kehr	Water Supply	1
Matthew A Newman	Wastewater Treatment	3
Isaac B Carpenter	Water Supply	1
Ross W Robart	Wastewater Treatment	3
Joshua Masters	Wastewater Treatment	1
Richard K Knowlton	Water Supply	3
Daniel Schmiesing	Wastewater Collection	1
Don W Bieri	Wastewater Treatment	3
Brandon David Goldner	Wastewater Treatment	1
Rajon Griffin	Water Distribution	1
Diana Agner	Wastewater Treatment	2
Jason Edward Rollison	Water Supply	2
John E Ellison	Water Supply	4
Gary J. Evans II	Water Supply	4
Brandon Melville	Water Supply	1
Derek Russell Bogart	Wastewater Treatment	2
Tyler Willoughby	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jason Peabody	Wastewater Collection	2
Kayla Diane Moxley	Water Supply	2
Stefen D McElravy	Water Supply	2
Dawn L Bennett	Water Supply	3
Kris N Kulyk	Water Supply	3
Jeffery L Messer	Water Distribution	2
Michael Reese	Wastewater Treatment	1
Tyler Varno	Wastewater Treatment	1
Robert Boswell	Wastewater Collection	1
Robert Boswell	Water Distribution	1
Thomas Kennedy Lewis	Wastewater Treatment	1
Michael L Hall	Wastewater Collection	2
Brian S Owens	Wastewater Collection	2
Antonino Violi	Wastewater Collection	2
Jacob Lawrie	Wastewater Treatment	2
Zachari Scott Marty	Water Supply	2
Timothy Swihart	Wastewater Treatment	A
Robert Anthony Danzo	Water Supply	1
Dustin J Kisamore	Wastewater Treatment	3
Daniel L Pontius	Wastewater Treatment	2
Brandon M Baker	Wastewater Treatment	1
Craig Puckett	Water Distribution	1
Dalton L Flinn	Wastewater Treatment	3
John Kevin Smith	Wastewater Treatment	A
John Kevin Smith	Water Supply	A

Jerry Pickelsimer	Wastewater Treatment	2
Christopher Lee Boone	Wastewater Collection	1
Thomas Boden	Water Supply	1
Marshall Morton	Water Supply	1
Matthew King	Water Distribution	1
John Turner	Water Distribution	2
Kermit R Frazier, Jr	Wastewater Treatment	2
Nathan Aldergate	Wastewater Treatment	2
Brandon B Benitt	Water Supply	2
Erin D Daugherty	Water Supply	2
Rebecca A Ball Below	Water Supply	3
Cody Barker	Wastewater Treatment	2
John Rowan	Water Supply	2
Ray J Farinacci	Water Supply	1
Keir Macmillan	Wastewater Collection	1
Kyle Reddick	Wastewater Collection	1
Dustin Blaylock	Wastewater Treatment	1
Josh B Anderson	Wastewater Collection	1
Kyle S Jackson	Wastewater Treatment	3
Nicholas Glenn Burnett	Water Distribution	1
Denario K Jones	Water Supply	1
Zachary Ashcraft	Water Distribution	1
Zackhery Forker	Water Supply	2
Richard Arlington Redpath	Wastewater Treatment	2
J Wielinski	Wastewater Collection	2
David McGraw	Water Distribution	2
Christopher Schlegel	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jonathan Paul Stidham	Wastewater Treatment	1
Joseph Allen Goodwin	Water Supply	1
Kodie Nicholas Spitler	Wastewater Treatment	1
Samuel Williamson	Wastewater Treatment	1
Kenneth S Smith	Wastewater Treatment	3
Benjamin Haynes	Wastewater Treatment	2
Thomas James Rought	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jerry Wilson	Water Distribution	1
Nicholi E Somerville	Wastewater Treatment	1
Dalton Robert Blymyer	Wastewater Collection	1
Timothy Rietschlin	Water Supply	2
Alex Bloomfield	Wastewater Treatment	1
Isaac N Piatt	Wastewater Treatment	1
Brock V Jurjavcic	Wastewater Treatment	2
Joshua Beougher	Water Supply	1
Andrew Roof	Water Distribution	1
Steven O Donatelli	Water Supply	1
Ernest Mack	Wastewater Collection	2
Len J Wagner	Water Distribution	2

Nathan Baker	Water Distribution	1
Zachary Windle	Water Supply	2
Kyle Patton	Wastewater Treatment	2
Jason Tatom	Water Supply	1
Lincoln Frey	Water Distribution	1
Julie Kidwell	Wastewater Treatment	1
Lailah Spanovich	Water Supply	1
Corey Keller	Water Supply	1
Len R Mittelstaedt	Water Supply	1
Brant David Heck	Wastewater Treatment	1
Aljamal Thurman	Water Supply	1
Isaak Giddens	Wastewater Treatment	1

7) Other Business

Michael Ritter met with the Council at 9:00 am to discuss his second class IV submittal.

Josh Zwick met with the Council at 9:30 am to ask questions regarding his first class IV submittal.

Between the February 15, 2024, and the March 21, 2024 Council meetings, two Class IV applications were received from Robert Bolanger and Trevor Long that were reviewed during the meeting.

Steven Baytos motioned to approve Robert Bolanger's application. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Motion carried. Due to lack of quorum, Trevor Long's application was tabled until the April meeting.

According to Ohio EPA's records, WPI gave 283 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in the month of February.

At 10:07 AM role was called, and each member agreed to move into executive session to investigate charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals.

At 10:11 AM, Todd Hone made a motion to move out of executive session. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:23 AM, William Bowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Advisory Council meeting is set to occur on April 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM via Microsoft Teams.