

Minutes of the Ohio Operator Certification Advisory Council June 18, 2025

The Advisory Council met on June 18, 2025. Members in attendance were Brandon Turner, member; Chad Roby, member; William Bowers, member; Todd Hone, member; Robert Ostendorf, member; Kimberly Furry, member; and Steven Baytos, member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Kevin Swiadek, Colt Bush, and Pete Simcic. Vincent McMichael and Dale Kocarek were also in attendance.

At 9:02 AM, the June Advisory Council Meeting was called to order.

After a review of the May 15, 2025, Advisory Council minutes, Todd Hone made a motion to approve the minutes. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV Examinations to be distributed:

Water

NAME, LOCATION	BT	WB	TH	CR	RO	KF	JG	SB

Water Reclamation

NAME, LOCATION	BT	WB	TH	CR	RO	KF	JG	SB

2) Class IV Actions

Water Reclamation

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Dale Kocarek, City of Aurora, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Pass

Water Supply

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Doug Smith, City of Akron, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Pass
Vincent McMichael, Crown Treatment Plant, 1 st submittal	Could not review exam. Mr. McMichael was provided a letter with a deadline for a new submittal.

Todd Hone made a motion to recommend passing Dale Kocarek and Doug Smith's exams. Brandon Turner seconded the motion. Kimberly Furry and Steven Baytos abstained. Motion Carried. Vincent McMichaels exam could not be reviewed and he was given a new deadline to submit his first submittal by October 18th, 2025.

3) Reciprocity Applications

Stormi Vasvary has held her Drinking Water Operator Class II license with the State of West Virginia since 2/5/2025. West Virginia's lowest licensure is a Class I and their highest is a Class IV. Ms. Vasvary took a State of West Virginia examination previously reviewed by Council. It was determined that West Virginia's Class II Drinking Water Operator examination is equivalent to an Ohio Class 2. Ms. Vasvary currently has 28 months of experience.

Steven Baytos made a motion to recommend the Director issue a Class 2 Water Supply license to Stormi Vasvary. Kimberly Furry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Certifications Issued

123 applications for certification were approved between May 13th, 2025, and June 15th, 2025. Certificates were issued to:

Charlie J Collas	Water Supply	2
Donald Ellinger Jr	Water Reclamation	2
Tyler Carpenter	Water Reclamation	1
Wyatt Brown	Water Distribution	1
Noah J Gilger	Water Reclamation	3
Peter Mckee	Water Supply	2
Jordan Connor	Water Supply	1
Rhett Harriuson Shook	Water Supply	1
Steven Hoyt	Water Distribution	1
Adam K Smith	Water Reclamation	3
Richard E Whiteside	Water Reclamation	2
Anthony Lacivita	Water Supply	2
Zachery Gibson	Water Supply	2
Kyle Miller	Water Distribution	1
Kevin Wiatroski	Water Reclamation	2
Matt A Sharp	Water Supply	3
Zeb Wedge	Wastewater Collection	1
Zeb Wedge	Water Distribution	1
Justin Rizor	Water Supply	3
Michael E Grano	Water Supply	3
Shane Michael	Water Reclamation	1
Stephan Lambertson	Water Supply	1
Cameron Joseph Noel	Wastewater Collection	1
Cameron Joseph Noel	Water Distribution	1
Joshua Retcher	Water Reclamation	2
Mark E Citriglia	Water Supply	2
Eric Lee Dewitt	Water Supply	1
Robert Colton Opatrny	Water Distribution	2
Nathan Harkins	Water Distribution	1
John Seidel	Water Supply	1
Bradley Abahazi	Water Distribution	1
Mark Smolen	Water Distribution	1
Evan Ellerbrock	Water Supply	3
Andrew William Bartee	Water Supply	2

Andrew Herendeen	Water Supply	2
Matthew Perez	Water Distribution	2
Michael Dukeshire	Water Supply	1
Dylan Ammon	Water Reclamation	3
Dylan Joseph Schmidt	Water Reclamation	2
Joseph Ferneau	Wastewater Collection	1
Joshua Solesto	Wastewater Collection	1
Bradly Nofziger	Water Distribution	2
Zane Gregory Wilson	Water Reclamation	1
James Mckelvey	Wastewater Collection	1
Brent E Ulicny	Water Reclamation	3
Scott Dalrymple	Water Supply	A
J Dalton	Water Reclamation	1
Cameron Miller	Wastewater Collection	1
Aaron Fortkamp	Water Reclamation	1
Michael Znidarsic	Water Reclamation	1
Michael J Roach	Water Distribution	1
Mathew Dawson	Water Supply	2
Michael Clune	Water Supply	3
Kenneth J Griffith	Water Reclamation	2
Dustin R Thobe	Water Reclamation	2
Andre Ramsey	Water Reclamation	1
Timothy Rietschlin	Water Supply	3
Joshua Spence	Water Distribution	1
James J Marcum	Water Reclamation	2
Alexander James Fields	Water Supply	1
Tyler Hensley	Wastewater Collection	2
Nathanael Reinhardt	Water Reclamation	1
Justin Sword	Water Reclamation	3
Caleb S Duve	Water Supply	1
Nathaniel Weigel	Water Supply	2
clayton Hughes	Water Distribution	1
Bret David Blevins	Water Distribution	1
Shane L Tome	Wastewater Collection	1
Trevor Shannon	Water Supply	2
Tyler L Burden	Water Reclamation	2
Peter Lancia	Water Supply	2
Garbriel Averbukh	Water Reclamation	1
Amy Staley	Water Reclamation	1
Ryan Singleton	Water Supply	2
Brittany Strohm	Water Reclamation	A
Seth Herron	Water Distribution	1
Tyler Mohre	Water Distribution	1
Lesley Callahan	Water Reclamation	2
chris M Lewis	Water Reclamation	3
Joshua Hickok	Water Distribution	1
Mathew Dawson	Water Reclamation	2
Ryan Austin Mccann	Water Supply	2
Emily Hale	Water Reclamation	1
Heath J Bivens	Water Supply	2
kyle Lindsey	Water Distribution	2
matthew R Riley	Water Supply	1
Morgan Williams	Water Supply	2
Andrew Fox	Water Distribution	1
Breann Hahn	Water Reclamation	1
James Sammet	Water Reclamation	A
Jeffrey Raike	Water Distribution	1
David Dyer	Water Distribution	1
Kenneth Daniels	Water Supply	1

Eric Vannatter	Water Reclamation	1
Aaron T Conn	Water Supply	3
Tyler Carter	Wastewater Collection	1
Michael Welling	Water Distribution	1
Frank Thomas Neuhart	Water Supply	3
Brenen Ish	Water Distribution	2
Connor Billing	Water Supply	1
Jason Ira Lovejoy	Water Supply	1
Benjamin Lookabaugh	Water Distribution	1
Michael F Roberts	Water Reclamation	2
Joseph Taylor	Wastewater Collection	1
Robert C Johnson	Wastewater Collection	1
Franklin Leavitt	Water Supply	2
Howard Moore	Water Supply	1
Rob M Mcguire	Water Supply	3
Matthew Walker	Water Reclamation	1
Caleb Faulkner	Water Reclamation	2
Martin Dmitrenak	Water Supply	2
Wade Enderle	Water Reclamation	3
Kevin Mcneilan	Water Distribution	1
Steve Ford	Water Supply	2
Brian M Cain	Water Reclamation	2
Douglas Fabian	Water Reclamation	3
James Hickenbottom	Water Distribution	1
Abner Calderon	Water Supply	3
Austin Allman	Water Reclamation	3
William J Hunter	Wastewater Collection	1
David Scott	Water Supply	2
Aaron Jeffrey Akers	Water Supply	1
Alexander Hoyt	Water Supply	2

5) Other Business

WPI gave 328 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in the month of May.

Vincent McMichael met with the council to discuss his 1st Water Supply Class IV submittal.

Between the May 15, 2025 and June 18, 2025 Council meetings, four Class IV applications were received from Steve Eddy, Mark Colvin, Seth Rosselit and Bradley Tussing. Their applications will be reviewed during the meeting.

Brandon Turner made a motion to recommend approval of Steve Eddy, Mark Colvin, Seth Rosselit and Bradley Tussing's Class IV applications. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:23 AM, role was called, and each member agreed to move into executive session to investigate charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals.

At 9:26 AM Kimberly Furry made a motion to move out of executive session. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:27 AM, the June Advisory Council meeting ended.

The next Advisory Council meeting is set to occur on July 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The Council meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.