

Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Council Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025, 11 AM-1 PM
Great Salt Lake East 3134, 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, Utah

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AGENDA (Approved Minutes)

1. Roll Call conducted by Jonathan Gubler, Chair

Invited Board Members: Chad Burrell, Ben Willardson, Jonathan Gubler, Matt Goodrich, Philip Harold, Spencer Parkinson, and Kyle Dean; DWQ Staff: Alex Heppner, Judy Etherington, Tessa Scheuer, Emily Cantón, Ken Hoffman

Jonathan Gubler conducted a roll call. All council members attended, though Kyle Dean entered after roll call was completed. Alex Heppner and Tessa Scheuer attended for the Division of Water Quality.

2. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of March 31, 2025

Chad Burrell made a motion to approve the minutes. Spencer Parkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 2025 Exam Results Update

2025 Computer-Based Testing Scores (Mandatory) - 1/1/2025 - 6/18/2025						
GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	13	88	59	8	5	62%
C-II	31	82	56	14	17	45%
C-III	12	83	56	6	6	50%
C-IV	46	85	43	17	29	37%
SLS-I	4	79	59	1	3	25%
T-I	17	78	27	3	14	18%
T-II	19	74	50	5	14	26%
T-III	15	68	48	0	15	0%
T-IV	46	79	48	16	30	35%
TOTAL	203			70	133	34%

Tessa Scheuer reviewed the computer-based exam results from 2025. She noted that the collection exams currently have very high passing rates. Chad Burrell pointed out that the Treatment IV exam is also showing a high passing rate. Phil Harold mentioned that the small lagoon exam may show a higher passing rate once the new exams come out. Tessa Scheuer asked for any issues that people have heard of regarding computer-based testing, and Chad Burrell brought up issues with the live remote proctoring exam at his facility. Matt Goodrich said that his operators have had a positive experience with live remote proctoring. Spencer Parkinson pointed out that the younger generation is enjoying the online exam option. Chad Burrell asked if the Division of Water Quality is projecting similar turnout to the previous paper-based exam, which was around 80 people. Based on past exams, Tessa affirmed that the

exam will likely have a similar number of attendees as the last exam.

4. Facility Compliance worksheet review

Due to internal file issues, Tessa Scheuer was not able to display the facility worksheet, but she stated that there are only a handful of facilities that are currently out of compliance. Tessa and Phil Harold discussed the contact for Fountain Green and whether their system is out of compliance. Tessa will follow up by sending the facility compliance sheet to the council once the technology issues have been resolved.

5. Fall 2025 Exams

The upcoming fall 2025 exam will take place in conjunction with RWAU's mid-year conference in Layton on August 28, 2025. The deadline to apply for that exam is August 1, 2025. Tessa mentioned some complaints about the blackout period causing the eligibility window for computer-based exams to be shorter than 6 months. The council generally is not worried about the blackout period since there is a paper-based option during the blackout period. Chad Burrell, Jonathan Gubler, and Kyle Dean volunteered to proctor the exam. Tessa reminded the council that the new exam versions will begin with those paper-based exams.

6. Move to Closed Session for consideration of Reciprocity Requests, Computer-Based Exam Question Comment Reviews, and 2025 Exam Reviews

Phil Harold motioned to move to the closed session. Spencer Parkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Motion to Conclude Closed Session and Return to Open Meeting

Spencer Parkinson motioned to conclude the closed session. Phil Harold Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Motion on Action taken as a result of the Closed Session

Chad Burrell motioned to take action as a result of the closed session. Ben Willardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Other Business?

No other business was brought up.

10. Adjourn

Phil Harold made a motion to adjourn. Spencer Parkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.