

Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18th, 10 AM-12 PM
Great Salt Lake East 3134, 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Minutes

1. Roll Call conducted by Jonathan Gubler, Chair

Jonathan Gubler conducted roll call. Jonathan Gubler, Kyle Dean, Chad Burrell, Matthew Goodrich, Philip Harold, Spencer Parkinson, and Brian Lamar were present at the meeting; DWQ staff Alex Heppner and Tessa Scheuer were also present.

2. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of October 20th, 2025

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

3. Introduction of New Council Member: Brian Lamar

Returning council member Brian Lamar introduced himself. He is the new at-large representative. Phil Harold was also reappointed as a representative at-large.

4. Election and Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026

Chad Burrell nominated Brian Lamar for the Chair position, and Brian Lamar nominated Chad Burrell for the Vice-Chair position. The motion for both passed unanimously.

5. 2025 Annual Report Draft Review

Tessa Scheuer detailed the Annual Report Draft for 2025 that Chair Brian Lamar will present at the May Water Quality Board Meeting. Notable changes are that exam scores for the new 2025 WPI Exams have risen to a 71% passing rate. Tessa Scheuer also solicited photos for the Annual Report Draft from the council members.

6. Spring 2026 Paper-Based Exams Update

The Spring 2026 Paper Based Exams will take place on Friday, February 27th, 2026 at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. 72 examinees are registered to take the exams. Tessa Scheuer and Robert Beers will be proctoring, and Matt

Goodrich also volunteered to proctor for the exams.

7.

Cumulative 2024 Exam Results (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	33	93	57	19	14	58%
C-II	60	84	47	28	32	47%
C-III	14	88	53	4	10	29%
C-IV	106	89	37	36	70	34%
SLS-I	24	84	53	12	12	50%
T-I	33	80	33	10	23	30%
T-II	51	88	48	18	33	35%
T-III	21	81	31	5	16	24%
T-IV	54	78	38	15	39	28%
TOTAL	396	N/A	N/A	147	249	37%

Exam Results from 1/1/2025-7/31/2025 – Computer-Based (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	19	88	61	12	7	63%
C-II	48	91	52	20	28	42%
C-III	18	83	45	8	10	44%
C-IV	60	85	43	19	41	32%
SLS-I	4	79	59	1	3	25%
T-I	23	78	27	4	19	17%
T-II	31	79	50	9	22	29%
T-III	19	70	39	1	18	5%
T-IV	58	79	48	20	38	34%
TOTAL	280	N/A	N/A	94	186	34%

Exam Results from 8/1/2025-12/31/2025 (Mandatory) *NEW EXAMS*

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	13	85	63	10	3	77%
C-II	19	87	60	9	10	47%

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-III	6	86	67	5	1	83%
C-IV	29	86	63	21	8	72%
SLS-I	1	74	74	1	0	100%
T-I	14	84	58	11	3	79%
T-II	20	83	62	14	6	70%
T-III	11	80	64	6	5	55%
T-IV	14	84	60	10	4	71%
TOTAL	127	N/A	N/A	87	40	69%

2025 Computer-Based Exam Results (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	32	88	61	22	10	69%
C-II	67	91	52	29	38	43%
C-III	24	86	45	13	11	54%
C-IV	89	86	43	40	49	45%
SLS-I	5	79	59	2	3	40%
T-I	37	84	27	15	22	41%
T-II	51	83	50	23	28	45%
T-III	30	80	39	7	23	23%
T-IV	72	84	48	30	42	42%
TOTAL	407	N/A	N/A	181	226	44%

Spring 2025 – Paper-Based (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	3	76	74	3	0	100%
C-II	17	83	51	9	8	53%
C-III	4	62	60	0	4	0%
C-IV	17	87	42	4	13	24%
SLS-I	9	85	48	6	3	67%
T-I	13	88	39	3	10	23%
T-II	10	75	39	3	7	30%

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
T-III	3	68	48	0	3	0%
T-IV	6	79	46	1	5	17%
TOTAL	82	N/A	N/A	29	53	35%

Fall 2025 – Paper-Based (Mandatory) *NEW EXAMS*

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	4	92.18	70	4	0	100%
C-II	17	83.32	48.97	11	6	65%
C-III	2	78.29	76.21	2	0	100%
C-IV	13	87.53	60.38	11	2	85%
SLS-I	3	68	62	0	3	0%
T-I	6	85.56	51.16	5	1	83%
T-II	4	76.9	65.37	2	2	50%
T-III	1	91.91	91.91	1	0	100%
T-IV	11	85.47	70	11	0	100%
TOTAL	61	N/A	N/A	47	14	77%

2025 Cumulative Paper-Based (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	7	92.18	70	7	0	100%
C-II	34	83.32	48.97	20	14	59%
C-III	6	78.29	60	2	4	33%
C-IV	30	87.53	42	15	15	50%
SLS-I	12	85	48	6	6	50%
T-I	19	88	39	8	11	42%
T-II	14	76.9	39	5	9	36%
T-III	4	91.91	48	1	3	25%
T-IV	17	85.47	46	12	5	71%
TOTAL	143	N/A	N/A	76	67	53%

Cumulative 2025 Exam Results (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	39	92.18	61	29	10	74%
C-II	101	91	48.97	49	52	49%
C-III	30	86	45	15	15	50%
C-IV	119	87.53	42	55	64	46%
SLS-I	17	85	48	8	9	47%
T-I	56	88	27	23	33	41%
T-II	65	83	39	28	37	43%
T-III	34	91.91	39	8	26	24%
T-IV	89	85.47	46	42	47	47%
TOTAL	550	N/A	N/A	257	293	47%

Tessa Scheuer reviewed the exam results from 2025. The council was happy about the increase in passing rates, and they suggested that the new computer-based exams, the new scaled scoring method of scoring exams, and increased training efforts all contributed to the higher passing rates. Tessa Scheuer also noted that only one operator has taken the new 2025 Small Lagoon System I exam, so there is not enough data yet to determine if the passing rate will change. Chad Burrell brought up the fact that wastewater operators must pass an exam in order to put in a change-in-status request. If an operator has a Grade II certificate and a Grade IV certificate, they cannot obtain a Grade III certificate without passing that Grade III exam even though they hold a higher certificate.

8. Wastewater Operator Database Updates

Tessa Scheuer updated the council that the new Operator Certification Database is in the works and will likely be operational by Fall/Winter 2026. The council members have offered to help test out that database and spread education and awareness when the time comes to roll out the new database.

9. Facility Compliance worksheet review

Tessa Scheuer reviewed all the facilities that are currently out of compliance due to inadequate operator certification. Bear Lake Special Service District, Centerfield City, Enoch City, Fountain Green City, Garland City, Gunnison City, Kearns Improvement District, Magna Water District, Moroni City, Mountain Sewer, Mt. Olympus Improvement District, Mt. Pleasant City, Pitman Farms (Moroni City), Pleasant View City, Powder Mountain Water and Sewer Improvement District, Salina City, Salt Lake Public Utilities, South Weber City,

Tabiona City, Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District, Ticaboo Utility Improvement District, and Vernal City were out of compliance at the time of the meeting. Ogden City was also on the compliance list, but Brian Lamar let the council know that their operator who was listed as a Direct Responsible Charge had retired. Phil Harold also mentioned that Mona City may be out of compliance. Since the last council meeting in October 2025, Fillmore City, Logan Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Plain City came back into compliance.

10. Move to Closed Session for consideration of a Reciprocity Request and Exam Comments

Phil Harold motioned to move into a closed session. Chad Burrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chad Burrell made a motion to approve the actions taken as a result of the closed meeting. Phil Harold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Other Business?

No other business was brought up.

13. Adjourn

Spencer Parkinson motioned to adjourn. Chad Burrell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.