

Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Council Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2026, 9 AM-11 AM
Great Salt Lake West 3134, 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Minutes

1. Roll Call conducted by Brian Lamar, Chair

Roll call was conducted by Chad Burrell, vice chair. Chad Burrell, Jonathan Gubler, Kyle Dean, Philip Harold, Spencer Parkinson, Tessa Scheuer, and Alex Heppner attended the meeting. Robert Beers and Brian Lamar attended after roll call. Matthew Goodrich was not present.

2. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2026

The council approved the minutes with a change of a typo on page 6 that misspelled Chad Burrell's name. The motion was made by Phil Harold and seconded by Spencer Parkinson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 2025 Annual Report Presentation Review

Tessa thanked Chad for presenting the annual report to the board on May 27, 2026. He reported that the council was happy with our work and was excited about the higher exam passing rates.

4. Spring 2026 Paper-Based Exams Update

Spring 2026 Paper-Based Exam Results (Mandatory)

GRADE EXAM	TOTAL EXAMINEES	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	# PASS (≥70%)	# FAIL (<70%)	PASS %
C-I	3	90.47	55.2	2	1	67%
C-II	17	88.03	55.65	13	4	76%
C-III	4	83.12	66.58	3	1	75%
C-IV	19	82.14	43.13	8	11	42%
SLS-I	11	95	63	8	3	73%
T-I	5	86.27	55.53	4	1	80%
T-II	5	81.74	71.38	5	0	100%
T-III	1	71.29	71.29	1	0	100%
T-IV	4	75.51	54.94	2	2	50%
TOTAL	69	NA	NA	46	23	67%

Tessa noted that the passing rate for both Grade IV exams was below the average, so training could be geared towards those exams in the future. She also noted that the new Small Lagoon System exam has a 73% pass rate, which is higher than the previous exam version on average.

5. Wastewater Operator Database Updates

Brian Lamar, chair, arrived and took control of the council meeting at this time. Tessa updated the council that the new wastewater operator certification database will be launched to the public in August 2026. She requested that the council think of facility managers, operators, and training providers that may want to assist with database testing in July.

6. Facility Compliance worksheet review

Tessa reviewed facility compliance issues with the council. Centerfield City, Enoch City, Kearns Improvement District, Magna Water District, Mt. Olympus Improvement District, Ogden City, Salt Lake Public Utilities, South Salt Lake City, and Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District were previously on the list as non-compliant, but they have since been marked as never out of compliance because they had just failed to notify DWQ of employee changes, so DWQ was working off of outdated information. Fountain Green City, Garland City, Gunnison City, Moroni City, Mountain Sewer, Pitman Farms, Pleasant View City, Powder Mountain Water and Sewer Improvement District, Salina City, South Weber City, Ticaboo Utility Improvement District, and Vernal City have come back into compliance. Tabiona City and Tremonton City remain out of compliance. Council members noted that Logan City may be looking for a new plant manager, and Powder Mountain may be looking to privatize their sewer system.

7. Move to Closed Session for consideration of Reciprocity Requests and Exam Comments

Chad Burrell made a motion to move to a closed session. Philip Harold approved the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Spencer Parkinson motioned to conclude closed session. Chad Burrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

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

Philip Harold motion to accept the actions taken as a result of the closed session. Chad Burrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Other Business?

No other business was discussed.

11. Adjourn

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