

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the Boston Mountains Conference room of the Arkansas Department of Environment and Energy Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harper, Chairman. Members present in person, Jennifer Parslow and Randy Harper. Members attending via zoom included Billy Sawyer, Jodi Reynolds-Coffelt, Tony Lee, and Joe Hopper. Members absent Shane Ellis, Wendy Bland and Jeff Barfield. Jeff Barfield gave his proxy to Jennifer Parslow. Guests to the meeting were Angela Sparks via zoom, Alan Spangler representing the Academy and Carolyn Pollard representing DEQ. Jeff Barfield gave Jennifer Parslow his proxy.

Billy Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Tony Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

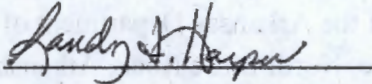
Billy Sawyer made a motion to retain Randy Harper as the Chairperson, Joe Hopper seconded that motion. Billy Sawyer made a motion that Joe Hopper retain as the Vice Chairperson, Jodi Reynolds-Coffelt seconded motion. Joe Hopper nominated Jodi Reynolds-Coffelt for Vice Chairperson. A vote was held and the motion carried that Randy Harper and Joe Hopper retain their positions.

Jennifer Parslow gave the DEQ report: There are 653 active operators expiring on December 31, 2024. 219 inactive operators that have until April 1 to late renew their licenses. 5 phone exams have been given to date. 22 provisional licenses are active. November 28th the first renewal using ePortal was completed. 55% of on time renewals were done using ePortal. The committee was in support of moving forward and putting examination applications on ePortal. The committee discussed proposed legislation that may affect solid waste licensing. Specifically HB1234, SB508, and SB90.

Alan Spangler gave the Academy report: Year end 2022: 132 Apprentice students attended classes, for an increase of 25 students over last year. 95 Journeyman students have attended classes, for an increase of 14 students over last year. 51 Master students have attended classes, for an increase of 7 students over last year. 510 students have attended Update classes. Giving a total of 828 students from 74 classes across the board, which is an increase of 8 students over last year.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on May 18th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ. The other 2023 meeting dates were outlined as August 3rd, and November 9th.

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting.



Randy Harper, Chairperson