

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 10:20 a.m. in the Arkansas River Valley conference room of the Arkansas Department of Environment and Energy Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harper, Chair. Followed by roll call:

Members present (in person): Jennifer Parslow, Randy Harper

Members present (remotely): Shane Ellis, John Dyson, Christal Baker

Members absent: Jeff Barfield, Joe Hopper

Visitors present: Alan Spangler

Old Business

The minutes for August 14, 2025, were emailed to each member for review. John Dyson made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Shane Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New business for discussion

Act 505 – Impact on Committee and bylaws – A motion to approve the Committee bylaws, based on the new requirements, was made by Shane Ellis; Christal Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried to approve the bylaws as amended, to include remote meeting attendance.

Departmental Reports

Jennifer Parslow (DEQ report):

- 800 active operators
- Tests given YTD 2025: 209
(With 98% pass rate)
- 21 (10 A's and 11 B's) active Provisional licenses
- **SEEK Update:** Tentative Solid Waste 'go live' has been pushed due to deadlines for other programs.

Alan Spangler (Academy report): Jan 1 – November 12, 2025

- Environmental Officers: 11 Officers, a decrease from 18 in 2024
- SW Apprentice – 94 in 2025, a decrease from 122 in 2024
- SW Journeyman – 74 in 2025, a decrease from 82 in 2024
- SW Master – 55 in 2025, an increase from 47 in 2024
- Total for first quarter: 344 operators for 2025 vs 461 operators for 2024
- **Grand total:** 398 operators for 2025; 457 operators in 2024 decrease of 117

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next year's meeting dates TBD

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting.



Randy Harper, Chairperson