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Minutes of 08/11/2025

Division Staff Jessica Spoja, Executive Officer
Present: Kolby Reddish, Lead Legal Counsel
Erin Einarsson, Board Support Supervisor
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM MT by Executive Officer Jessica Spoja.

This was a public hearing to provide the opportunity to comment on IDAPA 24.05.01 – Rules of the Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals. EO Spoja highlighted the following proposed changes:

- Cleaned up the licensure table - distinguishing license discipline and type
- Allowing applicants to apply and test for the classification level for which they meet the requisite experience and education
- Added clarification language to all onsite work experience and that it must be relevant onsite experience
- Added language that limits exam scores to be valid for one year
- Clarified the number of CEUs required to substitute 1600 hours of experience
- Removing the requirement for responsible charge hours
- Added the ability for the board to monitor and audit backflow exam providers
- Removed the language for grandparent licenses
- Added language that backflow testers must provide documentation of failed or non-compliant assemblies to the water system owner, and assembly owner.
- Increased fees to meet the requirements of Idaho Code 67-2608

Public Comments: Gatlin Creager with the City of Boise asked for clarification on when the proposed fee changes will take effect.

Leslie Wilder asked for clarification on public feedback process for Negotiated Rulemaking.

Tondee Clark with the Idaho Rural Water Association pointed out the inconsistent usage of the terms “wastewater laboratory operator” and “wastewater laboratory analyst”. She then went on to identify inconsistent formatting within the table on page 3.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.