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## Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

### Idaho Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals

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#### Draft Minutes of 09/22/2023

**Board Members Present:** Stacy Stuart, Chair  
Bryson Ellsworth  
Paul Sifford  
A. J. Gray  
Michael Parker  
Jerri Henry

**Division Staff:** John Nielsen, Executive Officer  
Katie Stuart, Admin. Bureau Chief  
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel  
Jessica Spoja, Lic. & Regist. Prog. Mgr.  
Miah Ellett, Board Support Specialist  
Kaitlin Kinne, Tech. Records Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MT by Chairman Stacy Stuart.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 05/17/2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 06/29/2023 meeting minutes pending the addition of the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### DIVISION BUSINESS

**New ABC/PSI Exam Process:** Technical Records Specialist Kaitlin Kinne provided a verbal overview of the new exam process.

**Finance Report:** Administration Bureau Chief Katie Stuart provided a high-level overview of the Board's year end financials, which included a brief overview of data from FY2019 – FY2023.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

**Vote to go from Proposed to Pending (ZBR) – IDAPA 24.05.01 Rules of the Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals:** The Board voted to hold a special meeting on October 2 for the vote to go from proposed to pending and reach out to stakeholders regarding attendance.

**IRWA Apprenticeship Report:** Shelly Roberts, Idaho Rural Water Association, (IRWA), provided an apprenticeship program update to the Board, which in summary has been successful and is showing an uptrend in interest.

**Cross-Connection Control Specialist:** Board Member Ellsworth expressed interest in examining the proposal as a potential license for water purveyors, citing the potential for improved public safety. Leslie Wilder, BAT & Supply, LLC, provided additional input and stressed the importance

of clarifying whether the proposed initiative would be a license or certification. Ms. Wilder emphasized the need for thorough vetting and stakeholder engagement prior to implementation. The matter will be included on the agenda for the next meeting, where it will be discussed in greater detail.

**Application Review:** A motion was made and seconded to approve application WWPA-26446. Andrew Gray-aye; Jerri Henry-aye; and Stacy Stuart-aye. Board Member Ellsworth opposed, and Board Member Parker had no comment. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Nicole Summers, Veolia, submitted an application some time ago for the public member position of the Board; however, has not heard back from anyone. Ms. Summers also commented that Veolia and IRWA work closely together, and Veolia agrees with the correspondence IRWA submitted to the Board and would also like to see everything in the letter publicly addressed.

Jeff Cook, IRWA, would like to see an actual dollar amount that includes an annual budget. Mr. Cook also likes the idea of the Cross-Connection Control Specialist whether it be a license or certification. In addition, Mr. Cook would like to see more communication from the Board/DOPL via emails, or letters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.