



## Operator Certification Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2024 · 2:05 – 3:00pm

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**Purpose of Meeting:** State of Operator Certification FY24 overview. WPI exam updates.

### **Committee Members Present:**

- Mike Osborne - Town of Marana, Wastewater Collection Grade 4 & Committee Co-Chair
- Bram Briskorn – DW Op Cert/TA Program Coordinator & Executive Secretary
- Blake Anderson - Remote Operator Representative
- Dawn Simpson - Sunstate Environmental, Small Public Water System & Committee Chair
- Art Nunez - EPCOR, Water Treatment Grade 4
- Eboni Rhone – DW Op Cert Program Coordinator & Executive Secretary
- Rich Marsh –Town of Welton, Appointed Municipal Official
- Roman Diaz - Director of the Water Resources and Environmental Science Technology Program at Gateway Community College
- Anupa Jain - City of Chandler, Water Distribution Grade 4
- Fred Kreiss - Cactus State Water, Investor-owned water/wastewater facility

### **Committee Members Who Sent Regrets:**

- Rob McCandless - Stantec, Professional Engineer
- Jason Joynes - Wastewater Treatment Grade 4

### **ADEQ Representative:**

- Jason Bobko - Engineering, TA, Op Cert Unit Manager
- Mannie Bowler – Community Liaison

**Call to Order:** Bram Briskorn called to order the regular meeting of the Certification Committee at 2:05PM through the virtual platform, Google Meet.

**Roll Call:** 9 of the 11 committee members attended the meeting. Chairperson, the executive secretary, and three other members of the committee were present. Per Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 103(F), the quorum was met.

**General Business:**

- Blake requested information on qualifying Professional Development Hours (PDHs)
- The Committee was reminded that roles are voluntary and be reassigned upon request to the Program.
- The Program requested volunteers to beta test the next version of the WPI exam once available.
- Eboni presented on the current state of the Program.
  - Discussion on if operators with no experience should be granted authority of a system.
  - Program will consider Grade 1 pre-requisites during future development of R18-5, Article 1.

**Next Meeting:** The Certification Committee will receive a poll to vote on the next meeting in 2025.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM**

**Minutes Approved By:** Jason Bobko, Manager, Safe Drinking Water Engineering Review, Technical Assistance and Operator Certification Unit

**Minutes Submitted By:** Eboni Rhone, Operator Certification Program Coordinator, Environmental Science Specialist II