

## **THE VIRGINIA BOARD FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATORS MEETING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board for Waste Management Facility Operators met on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

The following members of the Board were present during all or part of the meeting:

Timothy P Torrez, Chairman  
Jason Mitchell  
Sathish Anabathula  
Toby Edwards  
Donald Lawhorne

The following members of the Board were not present:

Ellen C Thacker, Vice Chairman

The following members of DPOR staff were present during all or part of the meeting:

Marjorie King, Executive Director  
Mary Charity, Licensing Supervisor  
Stephanie Keuther, Administrative Coordinator

Board Counsel, Elizabeth Peay was present during the meeting.

Board Liaison member of the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation Liaison Program was not present during for meeting:

Laurence A. Benenson, Board Liaison

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**Call To Order**

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**Tim Torrez, Chairman** called the April 6, 2023 Board for Waste Management Facility Operators Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of the Draft Agenda**

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**Mr. Lawhorne made a motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell** to adopt the April 6, 2023 Draft Agenda as presented.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, , Lawhorne, Mitchell, Anabathula, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Thacker.

**Approval of Minutes**

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**Mr. Edwards made a motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell** to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2022 as presented.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, , Lawhorne, Mitchell, Anabathula, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Thacker.

**Public Comment Period**

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**Chairman, Torrez** opened the Public Comment section of the meeting.

With no one wishing to come forward **Chairman, Torrez** closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

**Education Provider Applications**

None

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**New Business**

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**Regulatory Review - General Regulatory Reduction Initiative**

**Regulatory Review  
General Regulatory  
Reduction**

**Marjorie King, Executive Director** informed the Board in accordance with Executive Directive One and current statutory requirements, the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators seeks to review and possibly amend regulations that are determined to be overly burdensome or no longer applicable and provide clarity and/or combine other regulations.

The Board received 1 public comment via TownHall. Marjorie King informed the Board they are tasked with taking all the public comment received and discussing the best path forward to protect the

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health, safety, and welfare of the public while ensuring minimum competency of its licenses without being overly burdensome.

**A motion was made by Mr. Anabathula seconded by Mr. Mitchel** to adopt the proposed Waste Management Facility Operators regulations as amended.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, , Lawhorne, Mitchell, Anabathula, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Thacker.

**Universal Licensing**

**Marjorie King, Executive Director** informed the Board Senate Bill 1213 was passed by the General Assembly during its 2023 session and signed by Governor Younkin on Friday March 3, 2023. The universal licensing recognition bill allows for additional pathways to licensure for out of state individuals and becomes effective July 1, 2023.

**A motion was made by Mr. Anabathula seconded by Mr. Mitchel** to initiate an exempt regulatory action and align the Boards Individual License and Certification Regulations to the statute.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, , Lawhorne, Mitchell, Anabathula, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Thacker.

**Universal Licensing**

**Other Board Business**

None

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None

**Completion of Paperwork**

**Marjorie King**, requested the Board members complete their Conflict of Interest Statements and Travel Reimbursement Forms.

**Completion of Paperwork**

**Adjournment**

**Chairman, Torrez** thanked the Board and Staff and adjourned the meeting at 11:12 A.M.

**Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be **August 17, 2023**

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Timothy Torrez, Chairman

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Demetrios Melis, Director

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