

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

The Virginia Board for Waste Management Facility Operators met on Tuesday, April 7, 2022, 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  
Ellen C Thacker, Vice Chairman  
Sathish Anabathula  
Jason Mitchell  
Toby Edwards  
Donald Lawhorne

The following members of the Board were not present:

Leslie Beckwith

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

Demetrios Melis, Director  
Eric Olson, Executive Director  
Shannon Webster, Workforce Development Director  
Marjorie King, Board Administrator  
Stephanie Keuther, Administrative Coordinator

Board Counsel, Elizabeth Peay was not 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

**Call To Order**

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**Tim Torrez, Chairman** called the April 7, 2022 Board for Waste Management Facility Operators Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Approval of the Draft Agenda**

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**Mr. Edwards** made a motion seconded by **Ms. Thacker** to adopt the April 7, 2022 Draft Agenda as presented.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, Thacker, Mitchell, Anabathula, Lawhorne, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Beckwith.

**Approval of Minutes**

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**Ms. Thacker** made a motion seconded by **Mr. Lawhorne** to approve the Minutes of August 3, 2021 as presented.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, Thacker, Mitchell, Anabathula, Lawhorne, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Beckwith.

**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.

**Introductions**

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**Demetrious Melis, Director** welcomed the new Board Members. Mr. Melis informed the Board the Agency is working to fill vacancies, while revamping our technology to provide efficient services to the public. Mr. Melis informed the Board staff is also looking into a new licensing system to fully enterprise the entire agency

**Board Member Resolutions**

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# Commonwealth of Virginia



## Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

### Board for Waste Management Facility Operators

Resolution To

## *Christopher A. Chiodo*

**WHEREAS**, Christopher A. Chiodo, faithfully and diligently served as a member of the Virginia Board for Waste Management Facility Operators for two consecutive terms from 2014-2018 and 2018 to 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher A. Chiodo has tirelessly served with dedication and has devoted generously of his knowledge and time to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher A. Chiodo endeavored at all times to render decisions with fairness, good judgment, and in the best interest of the Board and the Commonwealth's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators wishes to acknowledge its gratitude and deepest appreciation for devoted service by Christopher A. Chiodo, who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board, the employees within the Department, and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators this seventh day of April, in the year two-thousand and twenty-two, that Christopher A. Chiodo, be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth, its citizens, and the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held.

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## Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

### Board for Waste Management Facility Operators

Resolution To

*Joyce Doughty*

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Doughty, faithfully and diligently served as a member of the Virginia Board for Waste Management Facility Operators from 2006 to 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Doughty has generously completed sixteen years of service and with dedication has selflessly given her knowledge, time and leadership to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Doughty endeavored always to protect the health, safety and well-being of the public by rendering fair and wise decisions, which were in the best interest of the Board and the Commonwealth's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators wishes to acknowledge its gratitude and deepest appreciation for devoted service by Joyce Doughty, who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board, the employees within the Department, and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators this seventh day of April, in the year two-thousand and twenty-two, that Joyce Doughty, be given all honors and respect due her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth, its citizens, and the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be presented to her and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which she is held.

**Education Provider Applications**

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**Marjorie King, Board Administrator**, presented an application from Anil Mehrotra for approval of a pre-license education program for Class I and Class IV licenses. As the application was received well prior to the board meeting and potential licensees were to take the class, **Eric Olson, Executive Director**, gave provisional approval to the courses, pending final approval by the Board. Ms. King shared that the application had been reviewed, met all criteria and staff recommends retroactive approval for Class I to November 9, 2021 and approval for Class IV for:

Anil Mehrotra

Anil Mehrotra – 1 classroom (with optional ZOOM) - Vocational and 1 classroom Continuing Education – Class 1 Waste Management Facility Operators course – NEW PROVIDER – **Class I**

Anil Mehrotra – 1 classroom (with optional ZOOM) - Vocational and 1 classroom Continuing Education – Class 1 Waste Management Facility Operators course – NEW PROVIDER – **Class IV**



**A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Mitchell** for approval.

**The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0-0 Ayes:** Torrez, Thacker, Mitchell, Anabathula, Lawhorne, and Edwards. **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Beckwith.

There was no old business to discuss.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

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**Exam Pass Rates – Shannon Webster, Executive Director of Exams**

**Exam Pass Rates**

**Executive Director Shannon Webster** provided the Board with detailed reports for closed booked exams pass rates from August 1, 2020 to April 1, 2022.

After discussion, the Board asked for reports indicating trends and content area.

**Regulatory Review**

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**Fee Change**

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**Marjorie King, Board Administrator** informed the Board at its April 6, 2021 Waste Management Facility Operators Meeting the Board approved to commence the regulatory review process that would keep the Board in compliance with §54.1-113 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to the setting of fees charged by the Board. Beginning in FY2023. Ms. King informed the Board the public comment period closed on March 2, 2022 and the NOIRA has been completed.

**Marijuana Legalization and Criminal Convictions**

**Marjorie King, Board Administrator** informed the Board effective December 1, 2021 Applicants are no longer required to disclose any marijuana related misdemeanors; however, applicants with a record of marijuana-related felonies will continue to have their applications reviewed by the Board.

**Marjorie King, Board Administrator** informed the Board that, in accordance with Executive Directive One and current statutory requirements, the Board will be tasked with a line by line review of the Waste Management Facility Operators Regulations to determine if they currently meet those requirements or should be amended or removed.

The Board agreed to start the line by line review of the Waste Management Facility Operators Regulations at its next Board Meeting on August 11, 2022.

**Restriction of Food Waste – Other States**

**Eric Olson, Executive Director** presented an article to the Board regarding Vermont’s implementation of new laws that requires the composting/recycling of food waste. Vermont joins California in the move toward trying to reduce or eliminate food waste going to landfills. Mr. Olson reminded the Board of their regulatory discussion several years ago of exploring whether or not the shift to composting would require an amendment to the regulations as the number of composting facilities in Virginia is increasing. No action was necessary at this time, but it would be a topic to be discussed at a future meeting of the Board.

**Completion of Paper work**

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

**Adjournment**

**Chairman, Torrez** thanked the Board and Staff and adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

The next board meeting will be **August 11, 2022**

  
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Timothy Torrez, Chairman  
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Demetrios Melis, Director

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**Marijuana  
Legalization and  
Criminal Convictions**

**Regulatory Review –  
Executive Directive  
One**



**Restriction of Food  
Waste**

**Completion of Paper  
work**

**Adjournment**