

Septic System Evaluators Board
Public Minutes

The first meeting of the Septic System Evaluators Board was held on May 3, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. In attendance were Christopher Albert, Christopher Kent, Peter Rowell, Mark McConkey and Dawn Buker. Also in attendance were Christine Horne and Linda Capuchino, Technical Division Director of OPLC.

1. Welcome to All-

L. Capuchino welcomed the Board to the OPLC. She spoke with the Board regarding a few items that are in the binders that all the Board members received.

L. Capuchino suggested that when the Board is working on the rules for the complaint process, that they incorporate that adjudicatory deliberations are to be done in non-public session.

The Board asked if we can put a notice on our website to let everyone know the Board is working on rules and all other Board related issues. The Board also thought a notice in the GSDI newsletter would be helpful to the public, including possible extensions.

L. Capuchino left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The Board members went around the room and introduced themselves. C. Horne talked to the Board about how the meetings will be set up regarding agendas, minutes and the website. C. Horne also let the Board know if they have information they want to share with the other Board members to send it to her to be put on the agenda.

2. Election- The Board nominated and approved the following:

a. Chairperson- Christopher Albert

b. Vice-Chairperson- Christopher Kent

c. Secretary- Mark McConkey

3. Rule Making Process- A copy of the Natural Scientists and Home Inspector rules were given to the Board to review to get an idea of how the rules are set up and to make any changes that would suit this Board.

a.100s- the Board was given a draft of the 100 rules by staff attorney Robert Lamberti to look over and make any necessary changes.

b.300s- Home Inspector and wetland Scientist initial applications were given to the Board to review to see the setup of the applications and to make any changes to.

c.400s- Home Inspector and wetland Scientist renewal applications were given to the Board to review to see the setup of the applications and to make any changes to.

d.500s- Ethics standards are in the Statute and the Board will work on this section at upcoming meetings.

4. The 200s are going to be a “ Model Rules set by the AGs Office- Attorney Lamberti will have these for the Board at the next meeting.

5. New Business- The Board members spoke at length about exams and field testing for new evaluators. The written exams can be handled in house. For the field exam the Board is going to look at what other states do and what GSDI does. National Wastewater Installers have a good Program. How does this Board want to modify the program from other programs that are out there? How often can a person take the exam if they fail? D. Buker would like minimum criteria for written exam and minimum criteria for field exams. She would like an alternative to GSDI.

The current Evaluators will be grandfathered under the Septic System Evaluators Board statutes.

For the next meeting the Board members will have information on what other states are doing: What their exams look like and where they do the field testing. The Board members will also discuss the rules for the Board.

6. Adjournment- C. Albert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05. M. McConkey seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

a. Next meeting- Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 9 a.m.