

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

The Virginia Board for Waste Management Facility Operators met on Thursday, November 10, 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
Toby Edwards
Donald Lawhorne

The following members of the Board were not present:

Jason Mitchell
Sathish Anabathula
Leslie Beckwith

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

Steve Kirschner, Deputy Director
Marjorie King, Board Administrator
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

Call To Order

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To Order**

Tim Torrez, Chairman called the November 10, 2022 Board for Waste Management Facility Operators Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Draft Agenda

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Mr. Edwards made a motion seconded by Mr. Lawhorne to adopt the November 10, 2022 Draft Agenda as presented.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0 Ayes: Torrez, Thacker, Lawhorne, and Edwards.
Nays: None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Mitchell, Anabathula, and Beckwith.

Approval of Minutes

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Mr. Lawhorne made a motion seconded by Ms. Thacker to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2022 as presented.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0 Ayes: Torrez, Thacker, Lawhorne, and Edwards.
Nays: None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Mitchell, Anabathula, and 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.

Education Provider Applications

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Marjorie King, Board Administrator presented an application from Anil Mehrotra for retroactive approval to September for vocational and continuing education. Ms. King shared that the application had been reviewed, met all criteria and staff recommends approval for:

Anil Mehrotra

Anil Mehrotra – 1 classroom (with optional ZOOM) - Vocational and 1 classroom (with optional ZOOM) Continuing Education – Class III Waste Management Facility Operators course.

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Lawhorne for approval.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0 Ayes: Torrez, Thacker, Lawhorne, and Edwards.
Nays: None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Mitchell, Anabathula, and Beckwith.

New Business

Exam Pass Rates – Shannon Webster, Executive Director of Exams

Executive Director Shannon Webster provided the Board with detailed reports for closed book exams pass rates from October 31, 2020 to November 1, 2022

After discussion, the Board asked for reports indicating trends, content area, or any complaints from survey responses.

Regulatory Review - General Regulatory Reduction Initiative

Marjorie King, Regulatory Boards Administrator 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 will continue reviewing the regulations for possible amendments. In order to facilitate this action, the Board must commence the regulatory review process by voting to file a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawhorne seconded by Mr. Edwards for filing of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action in order to commence a review of the regulations in order to comply with the General Regulatory Reduction initiative.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0 Ayes: Torrez, Thacker, Lawhorne, and Edwards.
Nays: None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** Mitchell, Anabathula, and Beckwith.

Other Board Business

None

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 11:15 A.M.

The next board meeting will be **January 5, 2023**

New Business

Exam Pass Rates

**Regulatory Review
General Regulatory
Reduction**

Other Board Business

None

**Completion of
Paperwork**

Adjournment

Waste Management Facility Operators Meeting
Minutes
November 10, 2022



Timothy Torrez, Chairman



Demetrios Melis, Director

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Custodian of the Record

Approved

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name Timothy P Torrez
(Name of Board Member)
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: DPOR/Board for Waste Management Facility Operators
(Name of Board)
4. Meeting/IFF Date: 11/10/2022
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

(Agenda Item)

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

- I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
or
 I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.



Signature

November 10, 2022

Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name Ellen C Thacker
(Name of Board Member)

2. Title: Board Member

3. Agency: DPOR/Board for Waste Management Facility Operators
(Name of Board)

4. Meeting/IFF Date: 11/10/2022

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

None

(Agenda Item)

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Name Toby Edwards
(Name of Board Member)
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: DPOR/Board for Waste Management Facility Operators
(Name of Board)
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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name Donald Lawhorne
(Name of Board Member)
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