

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Arkansas River Valley conference room of the Arkansas Department of Environment and Energy Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harper, Chair. Followed by roll call:

Members present (in person): Jennifer Parslow, Randy Harper, John Dyson, Shane Ellis, Christal Baker, and Joe Hopper

Members absent: Jeff Barfield

Visitors present: Alan Spangler, Jarrod Zweifel

Old Business

The minutes for November 13, 2025, were emailed to each member for review. John Dyson made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Joe Hopper seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New business for discussion

Election of chair and vice chair: Joe Hopper made a motion that the chair and vice chair remain in place. John Dyson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Departmental Report

Jennifer Parslow presented the DEQ report:

- 814 active operators
- Tests given year-end 2025: 238
(With 97% pass rate)
- 16 (9 A's and 7 B's) active Provisional licenses
- **SEEK Update:** SEEK launch date is imminent. There was a discussion about the best way to communicate SEEK's launch, collect valid email addresses for facilities and operators, and collect data to clean up the database prior to transitioning.

- Code of Arkansas Rule (CAR) is now mentioned in every level of the exam, in conjunction with the corresponding Rule numbers.

Academy Report

Randy Harper announced the Academy will be getting a new website with increased functionality, hopefully up and running by the fall. Kronda Page will be the Academy contact regarding students, and Christy Smith will be the contact regarding financial matters.

Alan Spangler presented the AETA report for the year-end 2025, comparing 2024 to 2025.

- SW Apprentice – 104 in 2025, a decrease from 122 in 2024
- SW Journeyman – 74 in 2025, a decrease from 82 in 2024
- SW Master – 63 in 2025, an increase from 54 in 2024
- Update classes – 385 in 2025, a decrease from 524 in 2025.
- Total for first quarter: 344 operators for 2025 vs 461 operators for 2024
- **Grand total:** 658 operators from 70 classes for 2025; 818 operators from 80 classes in 2024, a decrease of 160.

Alan announced a new curriculum for the Apprentice level, SEEK information will now be covered in the update classes, and each course level is provided with a CAR to Rule cross-over document.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

May 14, 2026, August 13, 2026, and November 12, 2026

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting.



Randy Harper, Chairperson