

*Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment
Division of Environmental Quality
Location: Hot Springs Convention Center Rm 208 & Microsoft Teams*

AGENDA

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 29, 2025

Time: 9:45 A.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order by the Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
 - A. Lance McAvoy, City of Fort Smith, Chairman *Present*
 - B. Jeff Ford, Kimzey Regional Water District, Vice-Chairman *Present*
 - C. Doug Ford, Pollution Management Inc.
 - D. Wen Zhang, PhD., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 - E. Austin Ramsfield, Jacobs Engineering
 - F. Heath Ward, Springdale Water Utilities *Present*
 - G. Andrew Rike, Harbor Environmental, Inc.
 - H. Sarah Pierce, Executive Secretary, DEQ *Present*

Quorum was not met. Without the quorum business could not be conducted. DEQ will reschedule for the reciprocity only. Due to meeting at the conference the training providers (ARWA and AETA) gave their updates. And the Associate Director of Water provided an update. No public comments were made.

- III. Approval of the February 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. Old Business: Heath Ward's reappointment
- V. New Business: Pierce

Reciprocity Request:

Melvin Thomas Brinson, Class IV in Delaware requesting a Class IV.

- a) License expires on 06/01/2025.
- b) State standard/administered exam.
- c) Delaware reciprocates with Arkansas upon review.
- d) Issued a Class IV license in 1994.
- e) Requires 20 hours every 2 years for renewal.
- f) Employed in Arkansas.

- VI. OWQ Updates:
 - A. *Financial Report – Pierce*
 - B. *Licensing Report – Pierce*
 - C. *Seek update - Pierce*

D. Associate Director Update - Wassell

E. Future Meetings - Pierce

VII. **Public Comments**

A. Training Updates

1. Arkansas Environmental Training Academy
2. Arkansas Rural Water Association

B. Open for Public Comment

VIII. **Adjourn**

2025/2026 Committee Meeting Dates:

Sept 8 or 9 @ ARWA Conference, Hot Springs Room/Time TBD

Jan 2026 via Teams

AWW&WEA Conference, Hot Springs