

**Tennessee Board of Ground Water Management
Davy Crockett Tower, Conference Room 1-A
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243**

**Summary of Action on Agenda Items of the
May 14, 2026 at 9:00am, Central Time
Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Groundwater Management**

Members Present at Davy Crockett Tower:

Brian Ham Ex Officio
James Watson, Middle Tennessee Member
William B.J. Burks, West Tennessee Member
Ken Presnell, Alternative East Tennessee Member

Members Absent:

Britton Dotson Ex Officio
Chris Wilson

Chair: Britton Dotson (Absent)

Technical Secretary: Brian Ham

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Welcome

Technical Secretary Brian Ham opened the meeting by welcoming the Board members and explaining that, due to Chairman Britton Dotson's absence, he would be fulfilling the role of Chair for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the March 19, 2026 meeting.
 - o Mr. James Watson made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026 minutes.
 - o Mr. B.J. Burks seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

Public Comment

- The floor was opened for public comments.
 - o No in-person public comments were received during the comment period.
 - o No virtual public comments were received during the comment period.
 - o No written public comments were received prior to the meeting.

Oral Interviews

- Each applicant was asked a series of technical questions related to the license for which they were applying. Once the Board had no further questions, a vote was taken on whether to recommend the applicant to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation for licensure or to recommend denial.
- **Aaron Crowley**
 - o Monitor License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to recommend for licensure.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Jason James**
 - o Treatment License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to recommend for licensure.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Robert Smith**
 - Water Well License
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to recommend for licensure.
 - Mr. Burks seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **David Tersigni**
 - Monitor License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to recommend for licensure.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Christopher Cummings**
 - Pump Installer License
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to deny license at this point in time due to lack of experience.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Guy Ingham**
 - Pump Installer License
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to deny license at this point in time due to lack of experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Samual Peralta**
 - Treatment License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to deny license at this point in time due to lack of experience.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Mark Schock**

- Geothermal License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to recommend for licensure.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

New Business

Mr. Burks made a motion to have the Commissioner attend a future Board meeting to discuss Tennessee's reciprocity agreement with North Carolina. Mr. Mickens suggested that Board staff coordinate with the Commissioner's Office to determine the Commissioner's availability. Mr. Burks explained that his reasoning was to address concerns regarding streamlining reciprocity and obtaining licensure then turning around to ask how to drill in Tennessee.

Mr. Ham documented that the Board wished to speak with the Commissioner regarding these concerns, and Mr. Mickens suggested adding the matter as an open agenda item for a future meeting. Mr. Burks subsequently retracted his motion. Mr. Presnell stated that he had been informed the Board could call a meeting at any time if necessary. Ms. Anna Sartors responded that the matter would be taken into consideration and discussed internally to determine an appropriate path forward.

Lunch 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Old Business

- The Board had no old business to tend to, so they continued on to the continuing education section.

Review of Continuing Education

- The Board discussed the need to approve the number of credits assigned to each course that was received.
 - Franklin Electric
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to approve Franklin Electric for four (4) hours of the requested eight (8) hours.
 - Mr. Watson seconded the motion
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
 - Kentucky Groundwater Association
 - Mr. Watson motioned to approve ten (10) hours of continuing education of the ten (10) requested.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
 - Vector Solutions
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to approve one (1) credit hour of the one (1) requested.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

Review of Complaints and Violations

- The Board reviewed the pending list of violations, and Mr. Richard Rogers provided brief explanations for each item as questions arose.
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to move on to the next agenda item.
 - Mr. Burks seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

Review of Pending of Pending Applications

- **Scott Hunt:** Monitor Well Driller – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Nigel C Blakey:** Geothermal Driller License
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to recommend to move the application forward.
 - Mr. Burks seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Andrew Burns:** Geothermal Driller License
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to recommend to move the application forward.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Corey McAllister:** Geothermal Driller License – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson motioned to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Bruce Walker:** Geothermal Driller License – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Burks seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Christopher Blanchet:** Geothermal Driller License – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Jay Corron:** Geothermal Driller License – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Edward Gross:** Geothermal Driller License – NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Jeff Hill:** Pump Installer and Water Well License
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to move the application forward.
 - Mr. Burks seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Shawn McIntyre:** Pump Installer, Water Well, and Monitor License
 - Mr. Burks suggested the applicant's license be restricted to mud drilling only. If the applicant wishes to perform rock drilling at a later date, verification of the necessary experience and qualifications must be provided for further Board review.
 - Mr. Burks made a motion to table the application.
 - Motion was retracted.
 - Mr. Watson recommended moving forward for only the Pump and Driller license.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded the motion.
 - Vote 2-1
 - Motion passed.
 - Mr. Watson motioned to deny the Monitor license application from moving forward due to less than 2 years of experience.
 - Mr. Presnell seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.
- **Dennis Rochat:** Water Treatment Installer License
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to deny moving the application forward.
 - After discussion, Mr. Presnell retracted his motion to deny moving forward.
 - Mr. Presnell made a motion to move the application forward.
 - Mr. Watson seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

- **Garrison Eaves:** Geothermal Driller License– NC Reciprocity Candidate
 - Mr. Watson made a motion to not recommend to move the application forward due to knowledge and experience.
 - Mr. Burks seconded.
 - Vote 3-0
 - Motion passed.

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

- After some discussion, Mr. Burks made a motion that the Board meet again on August 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time.
 - Seconded by Mr. Watson.
 - Voted 3-0
 - Passed.
- Before the Board adjourned Mr. Rogers asked the Board to clarify the agenda items for the upcoming meeting.
 - Termination of North Carolina Reciprocity Agreement.
 - Chapter 0400-45-09 Rule Change Process.

Adjournment

- Mr. Burks made a motion to adjourn.
 - Seconded by Mr. Watson.
 - Voted 3-0
 - Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:14 p.m. Central Time.