MINUTES WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL January 7, 2025

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Multipurpose Room Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Official WQMAC

Approved at the September 23, 2025 Meeting

Notice of Public Meeting – The Water Quality Management Advisory Council (WQMAC) convened for a Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, with notice of the meeting given to the Secretary of State on October 24, 2024. The agenda was posted at DEQ twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Brian Duzan, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Quiana Fields called roll and confirmed that there was a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Jarman
Eric Lee
Mary Mach
Andrew Pawlisz
Kenneth Schwab
Bill Smith
Steve Sowers
Brian Duzan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Matheson Rick Moore Debbie Wells

DEO STAFF PRESENT

Shellie Chard

Karen Steele

Brian Clagg

George Russell Brandon Tyler Mark Stasyszen Michelle Wynn Jennifer Boyle Madison Miller Mark Hildebrand Greg Carr Susan Mensik Erin Hatfield **Dustin Davidson** Lloyd Kirk John Brown Luke Mills Lynzie Chan Chris Robinson Cody Danielson Afiya Wilkins April Eberle Quiana Fields

OTHERS PRESENT

Jenny Longley, Court Reporter

Approval of Minutes from the September 24, 2024 Meeting – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 minutes, Mr. Smith moved to approve and Mr. Winegardner made the second.

See transcript pages 3-4

Ron Jarman Yes Kenneth Schwab Yes
Eric Lee Yes Bill Smith Yes
Mary Mach Abstain Steve Sowers Yes

Andrew Pawlisz Yes E

Brian Duzan

Yes

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR – Mr. Duzan opened discussion for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Duzan nominated Mr. Sowers to remain as Vice-Chair and Ms. Mach made the second.

	See transcript pages 4 - 5			
Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes	
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes	
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes	
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes	

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR – Mr. Sowers opened discussion for nominations for Chair. Mr. Sowers nominated Mr. Duzan to remain as Chair and Mr. Schwab made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:306 - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SERVICES - Ms. Susan Mensik, Environmental Programs Manager of the State Environmental Laboratory Services Division (SELSD), stated that the DEQ staff is proposing this new rule that if recommended by the Council will replace OAC 252:305 which will be revoked. This Chapter contains rules regarding fees and services offered by the SELSD. Chapter 306 provides updated fees and services offered by SELSD, in compliance with Oklahoma Statutes. Chapter 306 includes updated references to statutory language. The types of services provided are detailed for both the agency's needs as well as those outside of DEQ including citizens, municipalities, industry and other agencies. The number and types of laboratory analysis services offered are detailed, including all applicable base fees, in Appendix A, and an annual optional, fee adjustment using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is included. Chapter 306 also details other analysis, special services, possible discounts for large volume requests with Director approval and EPA's grant of primacy naming SELSD as the Principal State Laboratory with laboratory accreditation responsibilities for analytical measuring of contaminants specified in OAC 252:631 (state primary drinking water requirements). Hearing no questions or comments by the Council or the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Dr. Jarman moved to approve and Mr. Lee made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:305 – **LABARATORY SERVICES** – Ms. Mensik stated that the DEQ staff is proposing to revoke this rule since it will be replaced by OAC 252:306. Hearing no questions or comments by the Council or the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Ms. Mach made a motion to remove Chapter 305 and Mr. Lee made the second.

	See trans	See transcript pages 15 - 16			
Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes		
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes		
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes		

252:606 - OKLAHOMA **PERMANENT** RULEMAKING OAC **POLLUTANT** DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (OPDES) STANDARDS - Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ staff is proposing to update its rules related to the date of incorporation by reference for the Code of Federal Regulations from July 12, 2023, to July 8, 2024. The first regulatory change was the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule that became effective November 27, 2023. The purpose of the final rule was to provide stakeholders with a clear and consistent certification process while ensuring protection of vital state, territory and Tribal water resources. The second regulatory change, effective on June 17, 2024, consisted of EPA finalizing changes to its test procedures required to be used by industries and municipalities when analyzing the chemical, physical and biological properties of wastewater and other samples for reporting under the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program. This provides timelier access to new measurement techniques and greater flexibility in the selection of analytical methods, thereby reducing monitoring costs while maintaining the protection of public health and the environment. A third regulatory change was the Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent Guidelines final rule which became effective July 8, 2024. This rule revises the technology-based effluent limitation guidelines and standards for the steam electric power generating point source category applicable to flue gas desulfurization (FGD) wastewater, bottom ash transport water, legacy wastewater at existing sources and combustion residual leachate at new and existing sources. Lastly, EPA designated two per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances -perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA") and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ("PFOS"), including their salts and structural isomers, as hazardous substances under section 102(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"). As a result of designation, CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements apply to releases of PFOA or PFOS or their salts and structural isomers. Hearing no questions or comments by the Council or the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Mr. Sowers moved to approve and Dr. Jarman made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

RULEMAKING OAC 252:631 PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY PERMANENT **OPERATION** – Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ staff is proposing to: update the rule concerning the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from August 17, 2022, to October 30, 2024; correct a grammatical error; remove references to Fecal Coliform and replace, where appropriate, with E.coli; update laboratory emergency notification requirements to match Tier 1 public notice (PN) requirements in the C.F.R.; update validation of data requirements for sampling procedures to match the intent of the C.F.R; update Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) delivery requirements to match the CCR requirements in the C.F.R.; remove total chlorine residual testing requirements for systems that use free chlorine; and update public water supply (PWS) immediate notification requirements to match Tier 1 PN requirements in the C.F.R. and to account for physical and cybersecurity concerns. Following questions and comments by the Council and none by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the rule with the change to include "DEO" in front of "Water Quality Division" and in front of the "State Environmental Laboratory" under 631-3-21 and Dr. Jarman made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:710 – WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER WORKS OPERATOR CERTIFICATION – Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ staff is proposing to update the rule to correct grammatical errors; clarify that operator experience means licensed experience, allow approval of virtual classes that are less than 4 hours; require attendance records to be submitted in a DEQ-approved format; cite military exception statute for renewals; rename registered helper to non-certified helper; change CPI from every five years to annually; allow DEQ to determine if a non-community and minor systems need an operator; clarify approved equivalents and fix footnote in Appendices A & B. Following questions and comments by the Council, Ms. Shellie Chard, Division Director of the WQD, advised that if Mr. Duzan could entertain a motion to take a five- or ten-minute recess so the lawyers can look up the statutory language and then reconvene immediately. Mr. Duzan called for a motion to take a recess. Ms. Mach moved to approve and Mr. Schwab made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

Following the ten-minute recess Mr. Duzan called for a motion to reconvene the meeting, Ms. Mach moved to approve and Mr. Sowers made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

Following questions and comments by the Council and none by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the rule as written, with clarifying footnote on the classroom training in Appendix C and Mr. Lee made the second.

	See transcript pag	script page 50 - 59		
Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes	
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes	
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes	
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ms. Chard introduced George Russell as the Director of the SELSD he is no longer the interim. Mr. Russell then introduced the Assistant Division Director of the SELSD, Dustin Davidson. Ms. Chard provided an update on division activities.

See transcript pages 59 - 73

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 2:00p.m. at DEQ.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith moved to adjourn and Dr. Jarman made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43p.m.

	See transcript page 73 – 74		
Ron Jarman	Yes	Kenneth Schwab	Yes
Eric Lee	Yes	Bill Smith	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Andrew Pawlisz	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes

Transcript and Attendance Sheet are attached as an official part of these Minutes.

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1	REGULAR MEETING	Page 1	1	Dr. Moore is absent.
2 DEP	ARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY		2	Dr. Pawlisz?
3 WATER	R QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL		3	DR. PAWLISZ: Here.
4 Of	N JANUARY 7, 2025 AT 2:00 PM		4	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
5			5	MR, SCHWAB: Here,
6			6	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
7 MEMBERS	PRESENT		7	MR. SMITH: Here.
8 Ron Jarma	an		8	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
9 Eric Lee			9	MR. SOWERS: Here.
10 Mary Mac	h		10	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wells is absent.
11 Steve Sov	vers		11	Mr. Duzan?
12 Bill Willard	d Smith		12	MR. DUZAN: Here.
13 Andrew Pa	awlisz		13	MS. FIELDS: We have a quorum.
14 Brian Duz	an		14	MR. DUZAN: Okay. The first thing is the
15 Kenneth S	Schwab		15	Approval of the Minutes from the September 24, 2024
16				meeting. Any comments?
17 MEMBERS	ABSENT		17	MR. SMITH: I make a motion to approve the
18 Mark Mati				minutes as written.
19 Rick Moor			19	DR. JARMAN: Second.
20 Debbie W			20	MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,
21			1	we'll have a vote-
22			22	MS. FIELDS; Dr. Jarman?
23			23	DR. JARMAN: Yes.
24			24	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?
	D BY: Jenny Longley, CSR		25	
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1	PROCEEDINGS	1494 1	1	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
2 M	R. DUZAN: Okay. This regular meeting of		2	MS. MACH: Abstain.
3 the Wate	r Quality Management Advisory Council was	S	3	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?
4 called in	accordance with the Open Meeting Act.		4	DR. PAWLISZ: Approve.
5 Notice fo	r this January 7, 2025 regular meeting was		5	MS. FIELDS: Excuse me?
6 filed with	the Secretary of State on October 24,		6	DR, PAWLISZ: Yes.
7 2024. T	he agenda was duly posted at DEQ at least	24	7	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
8 hours pri	ior to the meeting.		8	MR. SCHWAB: Yes,
9	Only matters appearing on the posted		9	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
10 agenda r	may be considered at this regular meeting.		10	MR. SMITH: Yes.
11 In the ev	ent that this meeting is continued or		11	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
12 reconver	ned, public notice of the date, time, and		12	MR. SOWERS: Yes.
13 place of	the continued meeting will be given by		13	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
14 announc	ement at this meeting. Only matters		14	MR. DUZAN: Yes,
15 appearin	g on the agenda of a meeting which is		15	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
16 continue	d may be discussed at the continued or		16	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Since we are in the
17 reconver	ned meeting.		17	start of a new year, the first thing we have to do
18	And we will have a roll call.		18	is elect officers, and the first thing we'll do is
19 M	S. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?			elect the Vice Chair.
20 D	R. JARMAN: Here.		20	And I know Steve has done it in the
	S. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?		1	last few years; so if he's willing, I would nominate
	R. LEE: Here.		1	Steve.
i	S. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?		23	
	S. MACH: Here.		24	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	S. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson is absent.		25	

1	Mr. Sowers as the Vice Chair.	1	we'll try this another year.
2	MR. DUZAN: Okay. We have a motion and a	2	We're going to move we have guite
3	second. Do we have anybody else?		a few rulemakings today; so we're going to jump
4	Then we'll have a vote.		right into it. The first one is on OAC 252:306,
5	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?		State Environmental and Laboratory rules and fees,
6	DR. JARMAN: Yes.		and so I believe we have a presentation from Susan
7	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?		Mensik.
8	MR. LEE: Yes.	8	Susan?
9	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	9	MS. MENSIK: Good afternoon, everyone.
10	MS. MACH: Yes.		Again, I am Susan Mensik, I am an Environmental
11	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?		Programs Manager for the State Environmental
12	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.		Laboratory Services Division, and this afternoon I'm
13	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?		going to be presenting discussion for permanent
14	MR, SCHWAB: Yes.		rulemaking for Chapter 306 and Chapter 305,
15	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Smith?	15	And before proceeding, I just wanted
16	MR, SMITH: Yes,		to note that all of the rules that are on the agenda
17	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?		today being presented have been discussed at the
18	MR. SOWERS: Yes.		September 24th council meeting. I'd also like to
19	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?	ĺ	note that the DEQ conducted two informal public
20	MR. DUZAN: Yes.		stakeholder meetings regarding all of the rules.
21	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.		The first was conducted November 7th at the
22	MR. DUZAN: Okay. I'll turn the gavel	22	Centennial Center in Veterans Park in Tulsa, and
23	over to Mr. Sowers now to elect the Chair.	23	there were approximately 10 attendees. The second
24	MR. SOWERS: Yes, I know Brian has been	24	meeting was here at DEQ on November 13th and there
25	our Chair and I think he has agreed to do it.	25	were approximately 15 attendees.
1	Brian, is that correct?	1	So I'm going to move to discuss
2	MR. DUZAN: That is correct.	2	252:306, "State Environmental Laboratory Services".
3	MR. SOWERS: Okay. I make a motion that	3	DEQ staff is proposing this new rule that, if
4	we any discussion for that? If none, I make a	4	recommended by the council, will replace OAC
5	motion that we approve Brian as the Chair for the	5	252:305, which will be revoked. This chapter
6	next session.	6	contains rules regarding fees and services offered
7	MR. SCHWAB: Second.	7	by the State Environmental Laboratory Services
8	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	8	Division, or the SELSD.
9	DR. JARMAN: Yes.	9	Chapter 306 provides updated
10	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	10	statutory authority for the rulemaking processes, in
	MR. LEE: Yes.	11	compliance with Oklahoma Statutes. It updates the
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11 12	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	12	types of services available for DEQ's needs as well
			types of services available for DEQ's needs as well as those outside DEQ, including citizens,
12	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	13	
12 13	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach? MS. MACH: Yes.	13 14	as those outside DEQ, including citizens,
12 13 14	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach? MS. MACH: Yes. MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?	13 14 15	as those outside DEQ, including citizens, municipalities, industry, and other agencies.
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25 there for public review currently, but they're on

Page 9 1 our website. But those -- again, these are not the 1 laboratories performing analytical testing of 2 drinking water contaminants specified in 252:631, 2 final texts that you're going to be looking at for 3 which is our Public Water Supply Operations rule. 3 recommendation to the board. Chapter 306 also ensures that under Beyond the draft text, there's also a 5 certain circumstances, new services may be added and 5 supplemental Appendix A which lists all of our fees 6 other services may be decommissioned at the 6 and our services, and this supplemental document is 7 basically the original version of the appendix that 7 discretion of the Executive Director. The optional use of applying an 8 was made available for public comment on 9 annual Consumer Price Index, or CPI, to our Base 9 December 2nd. 10 fees, as is currently done in Chapter 305, is also 10 So now I'll go over the individual 11 included in the new Chapter 306. 11 comments and the lab responses. The first comment 12 And finally, there is a new and 12 from the City of Tulsa requested clarification as to 13 improved single appendix, which is Appendix A, that 13 whether a listed sample preparation test and its 14 consolidates and eliminates the second appendix, 14 associated fee would be applied to every sample or 15 which was found in 305, for all of our current 15 to every analyte. 16 services offered and each associated Base Fee. No 16 And again, this is a change that is 17 fee increases are proposed with this new rule. 17 occurring in Appendix A. There's a column on that 18 Appendix A is simply an updated list of all of our 18 appendix listing our fees that's called "Prep Test", 19 current services offered by the SELSD. No Base Fee 19 and so what we dld is we made a modification to 20 that, changed the "Prep Test" designator to say 20 increases are included or proposed. 21 Note that the Final Chapter 306 Rule 21 "Prep Test Fee". We included a footnote on the 22 Text and Appendix A being proposed for the council's 22 bottom of the table, and that footnote would clarify 23 recommendation to the board are in your binders 23 that any prep test fee required by a method would be 24 behind an orange tab which is titled "306: RIS, NRI, 24 applied per sample and not per analyte. 25 Final Rule Text, and Appendix A". And I mention 25 The added footnote also refers the Page 10 1 user to a separate Prep Test table in the appendix 1 that because in a second, I'm going to go over the 2 comments and there'll be some changes between the 2 for that associated fee, thus the final fee would be 3 comments that were made and edited in those final 3 the analytical Base Fee plus the Prep Test Base Fee. The second comment recommended 4 documents and they'll show -- I'll point those out 5 removal of a line item for the Toxic Characteristic 5 to you in your binders. So if you have a question, 6 Leaching Procedure, or the TCLP, Method 6010 and the 6 please let me know and I can try to clarify where 7 listed Prep Test of EPA 1311 from the Metals table 7 those are located. 8 on page 7 of the supplemental document, towards the The DEQ received public comments from 9 bottom. 9 the City of Tulsa for Chapter 306. The comments 10 were for the proposed new Appendix A, "Laboratory 10 The DEQ agreed with the statement and 11 Services and Fee Schedule", of the draft Chapter 11 removed the line listing with the 1311 Prep Test 12 306. No comments were received for the Chapter 306 12 from the Metals table at Figure 7 to eliminate what 13 proposed draft text. 13 looked like a duplication. 14 So I'd ask that you refer to the 14 There was a third comment, basically 15 an inquiry that there were six PFAS for drinking 15 materials in your binder that are behind -- there's 16 a yellow tab which is "306: Response to Comments". 16 water compliance listed in the draft appendix under 17 EPA 537.1, which is on Figure 1 of the published 17 And so in that particular section, there is the 18 official public comments from the City of Tulsa. 18 draft. The commenter asked whether the analysis of 19 There is -- on the next page, there is a summary of 19 the 29 PFAS that were included in the UCMR 5 20 the comments and the DEQ responses. 20 monitoring would still be offered by the DEO. 21 And then on the next page, which is 21 The DEO response was that the SELSD 22 listed as a supplemental 306 draft rule text, these 22 has completed all of the requested UCMR 5 monitoring 23 are changes that we've made to the rule since it was 23 analysis for PFAS testing. The SELSD will only 24 offer PFAS testing using EPA method 537.1 for the 24 published. So these are things that are not out

25 six drinking water compliance PFAS,

1	A fourth comment was whether or not	1	DR. JARMAN: Yes.
2	solid matrix, or non-drinking water, PFAS analysis	2	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?
3	would be offered by SELSD. The response was that	3	MR. LEE: Yes.
4	SELSD does not anticipate offering PFOA or PFOS	4	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
5	testing for non-drinking water compliance.	5	MS. MACH: Yes,
6	In addition to the published draft	6	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?
7	Appendix A edits addressing the public comments, the	7	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.
8	DEQ staff also made some other Appendix A	8	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
9	improvements including: a reference listing the Base	9	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.
10	Fees are adjusted to include the FY25 Consumer Price	10	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
11	Index on the Figure 1; it also included a movement	11	MR. SMITH: Yes.
	of a prep test from the main section to the Prep	12	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
	Test section; and then we also reformatted the	13	MR. SOWERS: Yes.
	appendix from 10 pages down to nine.	14	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
15	So those changes that we've made are	15	MR. DUZAN: Yes.
1	reflected in the documents under your orange tab.	16	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
1	So those are the final documents that have included	17	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Now we're moving on to
	those changes in the draft text as well as in the		number 7, which is 252:305.
1	Appendix A's fee schedule.	19	Susan?
20		20	
1	The supplemental Chapter 306 State	16	MS. MENSIK: DEQ staff is proposing to
1	Environmental Laboratory Services document does		revoke this rule since it will be replaced by OAC
	reflect some staff improvements to the draft text		252:306. We did not receive any official comments
	since the opening of the public comment period.		for Chapter 305. In conclusion, DEQ is asking the
1	These include: correcting typographical errors;		council to recommend to the Environmental Quality
25	removal of redundant terms; expanding some acronyms;	25	Board this permanent rulemaking for Chapter 305.
1	rewording some sentences; and changing the	1	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments
2	definition of "Director" from the Director of the	2	from the council?
3	SELSD to the Executive Director of DEQ, and each	3	MS. MACH: I make a motion to remove
4	reference to "Director" was expanded to also include	4	Chapter 305.
5	"or his or her designee".	5	MR. LEE: Same.
6	In conclusion, DEQ is asking the	6	MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,
7	council to recommend to the EQ Board this permanent	7	we'll have a vote.
8	rulemaking for Chapter 306.	8	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?
9	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. So	9	DR. JARMAN: Yes.
10	you basically, you're changing the wording but	10	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?
11	there's no fee changes?	11	MR. LEE: Yes.
12	MS. MENSIK: There is no there are no	12	MS, FIELDS: Ms, Mach?
13	fee increases in Appendix A from what we're	13	MS. MACH: Yes.
1	currently charging our customers.	14	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?
15		15	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.
	comments from the council? Questions or comments	16	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
1	from the public?	17	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.
18	·	18	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
1	motion.	19	MR. SMITH: Yes,
20		20	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
1	changes.	21	MR. SOWERS: Yes.
22	-	22	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
1		23	
23			MR. DUZAN: Yes.
	we'll have a vote.	24	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
25	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	25	MR. DUZAN: Thank you, Susan.

Page 17 We're going to move on to number 8,	1 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
2 which is Permanent Rulemaking OAC 252:606, the	2 and Liability Act. As a result of designation,
3 "Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	3 CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements apply to
4 Standards", and I think Brian Clagg has a	4 releases of PFOA or PFOS or their salts and
5 presentation.	5 structural isomers. This rule became effective
6 MR. CLAGG: All right. Good afternoon,	6 July 8, 2024.
7 Council. I am Brian Clagg, I will be presenting	7 So in conclusion, DEQ is asking the
8 several rules today.	8 council to recommend to the Environmental Quality
9 The first rule is OAC 252:606, that's	9 Board this permanent rulemaking for Chapter 606.
10 our "Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	10 MR. DUZAN: Thanks, Brian. Any questions
11 Standards", and your binders include a tab for the	11 or comments from the council? Questions or comments
12 Rule Impact Statement, Notice of Rulemaking Intent,	12 from the public?
13 and the draft text.	13 Hearing none, I'll entertain a
14 For permanent rulemaking, DEQ is	14 motion.
15 proposing an update of the federal rules	15 MR, SOWERS: I make a motion to approve,
16 incorporated by reference from July 12, 2023 to	16 DR. JARMAN: Second.
17 July 8, 2024.	17 MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,
18 The regulatory changes include the	18 we'll have a vote.
19 following. First, the Clean Water Act Section 401	19 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?
20 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule that	20 DR. JARMAN: Yes.
21 aims to provide stakeholders with a clear and	21 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?
22 consistent certification process while ensuring	22 MR. LEE: Yes.
23 protection of vital state, territory, and Tribal	23 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
24 water resources.	24 MS. MACH: Yes.
25 Secondly, EPA finalized changes to	25 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?
1 its test procedures required to be used by	1 DR. PAWLISZ: Yes. Page 20
2 industries and municipalities when analyzing the	2 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
3 chemical, physical, and biological properties of	3 MR. SCHWAB: Yes.
4 wastewater and other samples for reporting under the	4 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
5 EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination	5 MR. SMITH: Yes.
6 System permit program. This provides timelier	6 MS, FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
7 access to new measurement techniques and greater	7 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
8 flexibility in the selection of analytical methods,	8 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
9 thereby reducing monitoring costs while maintaining	9 MR, DUZAN: Yes,
10 protection of public health and the environment.	10 MS, FIELDS: Motion passed.
11 The third regulatory change concerned	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Moving on to 252:631,
12 the Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent	12 "Public Water Supply Operation".
13 Guidelines final rule that revises the	13 Brian?
14 technology-based effluent limitation guidelines and	14 MR. CLAGG: Okay. As with the other in
15 standards for the steam electric power generating	15 your binders, there's a tab for the Rule Impact
16 point source category applicable to flue gas	16 Statement, Notice of Rulemaking Intent, and the
17 desulfurization wastewater, bottom ash transport	17 draft text. The proposed updates to OAC 252:631,
18 water, legacy wastewater at existing sources, and	18 "Public Water Supply Operation", are necessary for
19 combustion residual leachate at new and existing	19 DEQ to retain primacy for enforcing Safe Drinking
20 sources.	20 Water Act requirements, to better align state
21 Lastly, EPA designated two per- and	21 regulations with new and existing federal
22 polyfluoroalkyl substances: perfluorooctanoic acid,	22 regulations and to both simplify and improve public
23 PFOA, and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, PFOS,	23 water supply system operations and incident
24 including their salts and structural isomers, as	24 reporting.
25 hazardous substances under Section 102(a) of the	25 So for Subchapter 1, titled
- 3 Indications Substances under Section 102(a) of the	20 Tot Subchapter 1, titled

Page 21 Page 23 1 "Introduction", DEO staff is proposing to update the 1 Control Tests", total chlorine residual testing 2 incorporation by reference date from August 17, 2022 2 requirements for systems that use free chlorine is 3 to October 30, 2024, the date the Lead and Copper 3 proposed to be removed to reduce confusion and 4 Rule Improvements, or LCRI, was promulgated. This 4 streamline the testing process for operators. 5 change will also capture the recent changes to the 5 Currently, these systems are required to test for 6 Consumer Confidence Report Rule and the finalized 6 both free chlorine and total chlorine; however, 7 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Rule. 7 testing for total chlorine in these systems isn't In this and following subchapters, 8 particularly useful and this extra testing is not a grammatical and/or styled changes such as removing requirement found in the C.F.R. 10 "the" before DEQ, capitalizing the "L" in mg/L, 10 In 252:631-3-11(a), titled "Operating 11 placing periods following the C, F and R when 11 records & reports", language is proposed requiring 12 identifying CFR have been made throughout this rule. 12 immediate notification to DEQ of lead action level 13 For Subchapter 3, titled 13 exceedances, acts or threats of physical attacks, 14 "Operations", in 252:631-3-2, titled "Laboratory 14 and acts or threats of cybersecurity attacks. This 15 Accreditation", language has been added to update 15 will better align Chapter 631 requirements with the 16 laboratory emergency notification requirements to 16 new federal rules, including the Lead and Copper 17 match Tier 1 public notice requirements in the 17 Rule Revisions and the LCRI, and will help DEQ 18 better assist PWS systems in responding to security 18 C.F.R. This will require notification by 19 incidents. PWS systems are already required to 19 laboratories to DEO of nitrate results above the MCL 20 and lead results above the action level. Earlier 20 report cybersecurity attacks to the FBI or 21 notification of lead action level exceedances and 21 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 22 nitrate MCL violations by laboratories will enable 22 but these agencies are not well positioned to assist 23 DEQ to better assist the affected PWS systems in 23 the affected PWS system in determining the threat to 24 public health these incidents present. 24 meeting their public notice requirements and 25 addressing potential public health risks more 25 Lastly, in 252:631-3-21, titled Page 22 Page 24 1 swiftly. 1 "Public water supply annual service fees", the 2 2 introductory sentence has been edited by removing In 252:631-3-3(1)(2)(B), that was 3 "To assist in meeting rising costs..." through 3 titled "Mandatory disinfection", and elsewhere. 4 references to fecal coliform have been replaced with 4 "drinking water standards". This was a stylistic 5 E, coli to ensure that DEQ's rules are aligned with 5 change only and does not impact service fees, 6 current testing and monitoring standards. So in conclusion, DEQ is asking the council to recommend to the Environmental Quality In 252:631-3-4, titled "Validation of 8 Board this permanent rulemaking for 631. 8 data", language is proposed so that sampling 9 procedures match the intent of the C.F.R. with the 9 MR. DUZAN: Thanks, Brian. So the CFR is 10 goal being to ensure that the water being sampled 10 now C.F.R.? 11 represents the quality of water in the distribution 11 MR. CLAGG: That's correct. 12 system during typical day-to-day operations. 12 MR, DUZAN: Is there -- is that the 13 Section 252:631-3-9, titled "Annual 13 lawyers involved in that? 14 Consumer Confidence Report", updates delivery 14 MR, CLAGG: I believe that would be --15 MR. DUZAN: We'll leave it at that. 15 requirements to match the new CCR requirements in 16 the C.F.R. Under these new federal requirements, 16 MR. CLAGG: Yeah. 17 large PWS systems will be required to produce and 17 MR. DUZAN: Any questions or comments from 18 deliver Consumer Confidence Reports twice a year 18 the council? 19 instead of just once annually, which was the 19 DR. JARMAN: I would like to -- I'm 20 previous requirement for all systems, regardless of 20 curious about changing the terminology from fecal 21 size, and which is specified in Chapter 631 21 coliform to Escherichia coli. What's --22 MR. CLAGG: I know that E. coli is a 22 currently. The proposed changes will help keep 23 Chapter 631 requirements in line with the new 23 better indicator for pollution and that's why we've 24 federal requirements. 24 changed over to that. I'm not sure I could tell you 25 In 252:631-3-10(6), titled "Process 25 how it's a better indicator, I'm sure there's others

Page 25 1 in here that could, but it is a better indicator and 1 threat to public health and we would expect that we 2 is -- supposedly gives better, you know, results. 2 would be working hand in hand with the water system DR. JARMAN: Okay. 3 and with the appropriate federal agencies. MS. MACH: Yes, I had a question. What If you're looking for a very specific constitutes a threat? 5 definition, as far as I know there hasn't been one MR. CLAGG: Okay. I'm going to have to --6 established. MS. MACH: Well, just one concern I have 7 yep. 8 MS. MACH: Physical or cyber. 8 is, you know, operators have a lot on their plate, MS. CHARD: So this is Shellie Chard, 9 and if they miss something that was just a physical 10 Water Quality Division Director. I see Mark 10 threat, not an actual physical act, that then they 11 Stasyszen is also making his way to a microphone. 11 might be held liable or in violation of the C.F.R.s. 12 12 These are changes that we're making So I was just curious if there was a 13 in accordance with some of the definitions and 13 more succinct definition to that to make sure that 14 things that EPA, CISA, FBI, National Security 14 our unfair, you know, notice was not put on 15 Council have been placing in guidance documents and 15 operators that are running those facilities. MS, CHARD: I absolutely understand that 16 those types of things, and basically it would be if 16 17 the system is impacted in some way physically, 17 concern. I will tell you, some of the federal 18 language used the word "vulnerability". We don't 18 somebody cuts a lock. 19 We've had somebody they found in a 19 use that unless we are specifically talking about 20 the vulnerability assessments that EPA requires of 20 situation in Southern Oklahoma, someone cut a lock 21 to get into a plant, broke out a window to access 21 larger drinking water systems. 22 the building. There were no operational controls I can assure you the intent is --23 that were manipulated and, as it turned out, it was 23 this is not a gotcha list, this is not something 24 that is a minor kind of thing. If we have an 24 a stupid story of knowing where a restroom is 25 located and while following his wife to determine if 25 operator who tells us, 'Somebody cut the lock but Page 28 1 she was having an inappropriate relationship, and so 1 didn't take anything, nothing's damaged', if they 2 tell us that in an inspection six months after the 2 the water plant was easier than other places. That 3 was a threat, but there was no actual impact, but 3 fact, you know, our response is going to be, 'Ooh, 4 let us know when those things happen'. 4 that was of course reported, investigated, that's 5 how we learned what actually happened, Now, if a city has a major breach or б There have been several water 6 they have their operational technology compromised 7 and they report to FBI and they report to CISA and 7 systems, wastewater systems across the country and 8 they don't report to us, that's something that we're 8 even in Oklahoma that have had breaches of data 9 going to say, you know, 'You are required to report 9 systems, breaches of their operational controls from 10 -- in some cases, it was students who were playing 10 to us'. 11 high-powered video games and figured out how to 11 But this is not something that's 12 access high-powered servers, so they were playing a 12 going to be similar to what EPA is doing with the 13 game using the water system's computer system. You 13 vulnerability assessments when they do on-site 14 know, those are threats that we expect to be 14 inspections. It's not a gotcha list thing, this is 15 we're hoping to get the word out for that to be 15 reported to us so we can take steps to address those 16 working with the cybersecurity agencies and the 16 reported to us so we can assist however we need to, 17 state cybersecurity command. 17 whether it be with a system or with federal 18 We would also obviously, where we've 18 partners. 19 had situations of ransomware where they've gotten 19 If you have a suggestion for us, I 20 think we would be happy to consider it. 20 into HR or billing, maybe not all the way into the 21 operational technology, would still consider that a 21 MS. MACH: It's just the threat aspect of 22 this is just a very difficult thing to define and 22 threat because there wasn't a firewall between them, 23 they just didn't really know how to impact. 23 what constitutes a threat versus an act is, you 24 24 know, physical. I'm not sure. And then obviously when operational 25 controls are breached, impacted, that is clearly a 25 MS. CHARD: And I will tell you, we have

Page 29 Page 31 1 had a couple of water systems that had things that I 1 reporting structure and level of kind of elevated 2 levels of concern, so... 2 think we would all recognize as a threat, a 3 disgruntled former employee who said, 'I am going to MS. CHARD: So from my perspective, I 4 would say it is something along the lines of when 4 destroy the plant, I am going to attack the water 5 one of those attacks gets through your defenses. 5 system'; so sometimes it is very clear. I don't disagree with you. Like I 6 Like I said, Mark? MR. STASYSZEN: Yeah, I mean, I would add 7 said, I'm happy to entertain a solution that makes 8 everybody feel better. 8 to that it's obviously not a one-size-fits-all type MR. SMITH: I have a question. Is there a 9 solution here, but for y'all, like you said, you get 10 prioritization of notification? In our dam safety, 10 them every day, threats and things. I think it's 11 once y'all find it's a problem, recognize that 11 for example, we have to notify local officials -12 emergency managers, for example - first, and then we 12 threat as being a legitimate credible threat, would 13 go down the list and then notify OWRB. 13 be when we would want to know. 14 So is there a priority of -- or, 14 Now, a system that does not get 15 prioritization of notification? 15 threats every day, that would be one we would want 16 MS, CHARD: Not that I'm aware. 16 to hear from more immediately. 17 17 MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions or MR. STASYSZEN: Hi, Mark Stasyszen, I'm 18 the acting Public Water Supply Group Manager. There 18 comments from the council? 19 isn't a prioritization that we're proposing. What 19 DR. PAWLISZ: I do. 20 we're looking for is within 24 hours, similar to our 20 So this is requirements for 21 notification, Chapter 631, Rule Impact Statement, 21 other notifications, so... 22 MS. MACH: Well, I guess maybe is there 22 and I will read you the first declaration, "Probable 23 Costs and Benefits to DEQ to Implement and Enforce". 23 guidance documents that you could provide operators 24 And it states, "There are anticipated additional 24 about threats? 25 MS, CHARD: Yes, there is --25 costs to DEQ to implement and enforce the proposed Page 30 Page 32 1 MS. MACH: Or --1 rules, especially related to the federal mandates 2 MS. CHARD: -- a litarry of information 2 regarding the PFAS" - and I underscored PFAS - "and 3 lead and copper rules". So that's one statement. 3 that's available, primarily developed by our federal 4 partners, CISA. There -- the Critical Then looking at the other 5 declaration, reading, "Source of Revenue to be Used 5 Infrastructure Partnership Council also has done 6 to Implement and Enforce Rule", it states, "DEQ is 6 several documents, fact sheets, The Water/Wastewater Task Force under 7 requesting \$470,187 from General Revenue funds to 7 8 the Federal Advisory Committee on Cybersecurity has 8 help implement the lead and copper rules". So it's 9 -- I think there are eight specific steps that need 9 silent on PFAS. Could you elaborate on the lack of 10 to be considered or taken, it's a 60, 80-page 10 reference to PFAS? 11 document. I know AWWA has done some work under 11 MS. CHARD: So, yes. The lead and copper 12 was specifically included because of the nature of 12 their Security & Resilience Certificate Program. 13 the requirements, the significant increase in work 13 So there's quite a bit of information 14 for the DEQ drinking water staff. That was 14 out there, and something I'm going to talk about 15 later is some cybersecurity training that will be 15 something that had been identified. 16 coming to Oklahoma later in the spring and summer. 16 We knew it was coming based on the 17 MS. MACH: Okay. Thank you. 17 Trump era, or I guess it's first Trump 18 MR, LEE: So I think with a utility as 18 administration Lead and Copper Rule; so we were 19 large as Tulsa, and I'm sure Oklahoma City has this, 19 already anticipating the need for additional 20 staffing. It was already included as part of the 20 as well, you know, we're under constant barrage of 21 DEQ budget request; so that is what has been moving 21 cyberattacks. And so I guess to Mary Elizabeth's 22 forward and why it was focused on lead and copper. 22 point it's, you know, to what level of threat are we 23 needing to, you know, respond to. 23 We recognize PFAS, there's going to 24 be additional costs associated with implementation, 24 So I can see where there's going to 25 but the way that that rule is set up, we have this 25 be some gray areas to try to figure out that

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1	two-year - now, left - two-and-a-half-year	1	I'll make a motion to approve this
2	monitoring period before we know which water systems	2	chapter with that change.
3	are actually going to have to comply with the PFAS	3	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions or
4	standards. And it's looking at data, applying the	4	comments from the public?
5	Hazard Index, trigger levels.	5	DR. JARMAN: I'll second the motion.
6	So based on the preliminary data that	6	MR. DUZAN: Any questions or more comments
7	we have, we don't think it's going to be a very	7	from the council?
8	large percentage of our drinking water systems,	8	Then we'll entertain a motion.
9	where we know lead and copper is just under 1,000	9	MR. LEE: I'll make a motion with the
10	drinking water systems.	10	change to Include "DEQ" in front of "Water Quality
11	When we look at UCMR data on PFAS	11	Division" and in front of "State Environmental
12	sampling, it's less than 5, 7 percent, something	12	Laboratory" under 631-3-21.
13	like that are actually detecting, is that right? Is	13	DR. JARMAN: Second.
14	that	14	MR, DUZAN: Okay. We have a motion and a
15	MR. STASYSZEN: Around there, Shellie.	15	second, we'll have a vote.
16	MS. CHARD: Okay. So we know it's a	16	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?
17	significantly smaller part of the universe. Is the	17	DR. JARMAN: Yes.
18	rule going to be difficult, is it going to be	18	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?
19	cumbersome, is it going to be complex, is it going	19	MR, LEE: Yes.
20	to take time? Yes.	20	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
21	We just don't know what that's going	21	MS. MACH: Yes.
22	to look like, where with lead and copper we do know	22	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?
23	what it's going to look like, and that's why we were	23	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.
24	moving forward. Our budget hearing is tomorrow, and	24	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
25	that \$470,000 is part of our request.	25	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.
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1	DR. PAWLISZ: Thank you.	1	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
2	MR. DUZAN: Any other questions or	2	MR. SMITH: Yes.
	comments from the council?	3	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
4	MR. LEE: Yeah, I have one more.	4	MR. SOWERS: Yes.
5	This is just a simple question, I	5	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
1	guess, is on page 7 well, page 5, under	6	MR, DUZAN: Yes,
1	252:631-3-2, under (b)(2), "Emergency notification",	7	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
1	the last towards the end of the sentence, it	8	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Moving on to 252:710,
9	talks about the "Water Quality Division" and it	9	"Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator
1	doesn't say DEQ in front of it, but then later on,	10	Certification".
11	on page 7, it talks about "DEQ Water Quality	11	Mr. Clagg?
12	Division" under 631-3-10.	12	MR. CLAGG: All right. Again, there are a
13	Just a kind of consistency basis, I		couple of tabs in your binder for Chapter 710; so
14	don't know if you want to say "DEQ" in front of	14	give me a second and I'll explain what is contained
15	"Water Quality Division" or not, so just bringing	15	within each of those tabs. The first tab contains
16	that up.	16	the Rule Impact Statement, the Notice of Rulemaking
17	MS. CHARD: We can make that change, and	17	Intent, and a text document there, which is a
18		118	version of the text. Now, it may be labeled
1	we would ask that when you make a motion on this	1 ~ ~	
19	we would ask that when you make a motion on this chapter, should you go down a path of recommending		December 2, 2024, at least it's got a supplemental
1	•	19	December 2, 2024, at least it's got a supplemental watermark on it, but the significance of that date
20	chapter, should you go down a path of recommending	19 20	
20	chapter, should you go down a path of recommending it to the Environmental Quality Board, include that	19 20 21	watermark on it, but the significance of that date
20 21 22	chapter, should you go down a path of recommending it to the Environmental Quality Board, include that change.	19 20 21 22	watermark on it, but the significance of that date is that's the date that the proposed rules were
20 21 22	chapter, should you go down a path of recommending it to the Environmental Quality Board, include that change. MR. LEE: Which one would you prefer,	19 20 21 22 23	watermark on it, but the significance of that date is that's the date that the proposed rules were published in the Office of Administrative Rules, or

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1	early December.	1	"Certification". As with the previous subchapter,
2	So likewise, in the next tab, there's	2	several of the proposed changes result from the
3	a file that shows a marked-up version of the	3	public comments and are intended to clarify
4	appendices, and again this shows you proposed	4	definitions and terms.
5	changes to the appendices as they were published on	5	Section 710-3-31, titled "Certificate
6	December 2, 2024.	6	required", proposes a change that allows DEQ to
7	The next document under this tab	7	determine if Non-community and minor systems are
8	includes public comments that were received and	8	required to have certified operators. This would be
9	DEQ's response to the comments.	9	based on the complexity of the system as determined
10	The final document is the final	10	by DEQ.
11	proposed rule text that incorporates the original	11	Section 710-3-36, titled "Approved
12	changes proposed in the OAR filing as well as the	12	equivalents for waterworks/wastewater works
13	additional changes that were made as a result of the	13	operators", proposes changes that clarify approved
	public comments received. And speaking generally,	14	equivalents,
15	the suggestions in the public comments are generally	15	Subchapter 5, titled "Duties and
1	intended to clarify definitions and terms throughout	16	Responsibilities". Changes to this subchapter are
17	the rule.	17	minor style-type corrections and clarification of
18	So let me begin with a review of the		terms, such as replacing "registered helper" with
19	final proposed rule, beginning with Subchapter 1,	19	"Non-certified helper".
20	titled "General Provisions". This subchapter	20	Subchapter 7, titled "Shared
21	contains Definitions. There are several proposed	21	Operators for Small Systems". Proposed changes for
22	changes, a few that were made in response to the	22	this subchapter rephrases current language and
23	public comments. You will notice a new definition	23	contains minor changes to improve the readability of
24	for "Licensed experience" and also that the	24	the rule.
25	definition of "Operating experience" is deleted.	25	In conclusion, DEQ is asking the
Ι,	Page 38 This is to clarify that Operating experience means	,	Page 40 council to recommend to the Environmental Quality
1	licensed experience. Another change in the		Board this permanent rulemaking for Chapter 710.
1	definitions is changing the name "Registered helper"	3	MR. DUZAN: Thanks, Brian. A lot of
1	to "Non-certified helper".		little things in there. Did this roll through their
5	In Section 252:710-1-5, clarification		didn't they have a group that or was this all
	is proposed for "Application requirements" and		generated from the DEQ?
1	includes several changes from the public comments in	7	MR. CLAGG: I may ask Brandon if he would
1	order to better define terms and requirements.	'	like to come up to speak to that.
9	In Section 252:710-1-7(d), this is	9	MR. DUZAN: Because I know in the past,
	changed to cite the military exception statute for		they've had
ł	renewals.	11	MR. CLAGG: Stakeholder meetings?
12	Section 252:710-1-7.1, titled	12	MR. DUZAN: stakeholder meetings that
	"Submission of standard and general courses", is a		have driven a lot of this.
1	new section that, in part, requires attendance	14	MR. TYLER: Yes, hi, I'm Brandon. This
1	records for classes to be submitted in an	1	kind of started last minute, and so it was done with
	established format in order to ensure accuracy and		the Op Cert group and then just inside the public
1	transparency. Another proposed change allows		meetings itself, there wasn't another group on this
1	approval of webinars and online courses that are		one,
1	less than four hours.	19	MR. DUZAN: Any questions or comments from
20	Section 710-1-12, titled "Fee		the council?
1	Schedules", now provides for automatically adjusting	21	MR. LEE: Yes. So just help me
1	fees in correspondence with the Consumer Price Index		understand, on 252:710-1-7, towards the bottom of
1	from every five years to annually in order to meet	i	page 7 or, .1, "Submission of standard and
1	rising costs of the operator certification program.		general courses". And so we have (a), "Standard
25			courses", which, "provide DEQ with quantity of
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1	proposed professional development hours"; then we $$\operatorname{\tt Page}$\ 41$	1	Chard. For conferences and events that are maybe $$\operatorname{\textsc{Page}}$\ 43$
2	get into "In-person general courses" and we say,	2	all day with different speakers or it may be
3	"provide DEQ with documentation of a minimum of four	3	multi-day, we do have a process and have approved
4	hours"; and then we go to "Other general courses"	4	those based on however many hours you attend those
5	and we say, "provide DEQ with documentation of a	5	presentations.
6	minimum of 30 minutes".	6	We have a form that gets initialed by
7.	So standard courses we submit with	7	the moderator or someone from DEQ who is in the room
8	any quantity?	8	for that purpose. We do approve those, and that may
9	MR. TYLER: Standard courses are your	9	be anywhere from a small number up to three days'
10	it's another word for the examination courses that's	10	worth of presentations.
11	happening. So which part of the language are you	11	MR. LEE: Okay.
12	exactly talking about here?	12	Kenny, how do you feel about this?
13	MR. LEE: I'm just curious that we have	13	MR. SCHWAB: I use what she said right
14	three different timeframes. One is any hours that	14	there. But basically on Appendix C, every class has
15	we choose, another's four hours, another's 30	15	four hours or, sorry, every license has four
16	minutes, and so	16	hours of classroom training.
17	MR. TYLER: The standard courses are set	17	MR. TYLER: Yes.
18	by what license experience it is, so it's dependent	18	MR. SCHWAB: So as long as it's I think
19	in general on that. So if you're going for an A,	19	you need the segments.
20	that's normally a 40-hour course, compared to a D,	20	MR. LEE: Right, so but based on what
21	which is a 16-hour course. And the standard courses	21	I'm hearing is I go to a conference and I get three
22	cover all of those classes.	22	hours. Now, do I have to sit through a class for
23	MR. LEE: And then on the four hours or	23	four hours after that to make up my last hour?
24	the 30 minutes?	24	MR. TYLER: Can I come in here real quick
25	MR. TYLER: Those are your renewal is your	25	with this? So what happens to a lot of operators
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1	four-hour, your general in-person renewal classes		when that happens is the class itself is four hours,
	done across the state that I think D-level licenses		the operator will usually, if they're at that type
1	are required to have four in-person hours no matter	!	of situation, they will fill out their thing and get
	what, so that's kind of there.		two hours and have it signed off and then we'll
5	But the aspect of the 30 minutes or	Ι.	record two hours for them.
	less came to play because a lot of the webinars that	6	The class itself has to be approved
	are coming out and things that didn't meet our rules		to four hours; the individuals attending the course
ł	and able to approve that for operator credit, we		could be there for one to four, however long it is,
1	were trying to put something in the rules that would		because emergency happens. We make sure to give
10	allow us to be able to get those good classes out	10	operators that are at least there because these guys
111	there, like go over cybersecurity and things like	11	are there, stuff happens that they got to leave,
12	that, to the operators and have it be approvable	12	we're only giving them the credit they are in class
13	under our rules.	13	for that time, whether it's one hour, three hours,
14	MR, LEE: Are there scenarios where	14	however long it is.
15	in-person general courses could or should be less	15	MR, LEE: All right. So I'm running a
16	than four hours that total up to four?	16	utility and I've got a training scheduled and I've
17	MR. TYLER: Can you say that again?	17	got a bunch of people that they just have an hour
18		18	left and I'm going to sit in a four-class, do you
19	MR. SCHWAB: Two two-hour courses?	19	then sign them all out in one hour?
20	MR. LEE: Yeah.	20	MR. TYLER: Feel like that would be an
21	MR. TYLER: Is that what you're meaning?	21	abuse of something. That is under the rules,
22	MR. LEE: Yeah.	22	that seems like that could be something that could
23	MR. TYLER: Right now how the rules are	23	happen, yes.
24	written, no, it would just be one four-hour course.	24	MR. LEE: Okay. Thanks.
25	MS. CHARD: I would this is Shellie	25	MR. DUZAN: Any other questions or

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1	comments from the council?	1	back and bring back and forth.
2	MR. LEE: Yeah, sorry.	2	You're removing data at that point in
3	Brandon, can you talk to me about on	3	time, going back and forth between the two, and so
4	page 11, 252:710-3-32, the sentence that says, "Not	4	it's more of a policy on the inside of trying to
5	more than one temporary" it's underlined, it's a	5	keep everything standard and treating everybody the
6	new sentence. "Not more than one temporary	6	same across that, across the board.
7	certificate shall be issued to the same individual	7	MR. LEE: So it's a limitation of the
8	during any five-year period."	8	system we have in place?
9	So can I get a temporary water or a	9	MR. TYLER: Yes.
10	temporary wastewater, but not both?	10	MR. LEE: Yes, Shellie?
11	MR. TYLER: You can get both at the same	11	MS. CHARD: So we are in the process of
12	time you're offering. Are you saying can you get	12	updating that system and are going through the state
13	one separate years apart, is that what you're	13	process of purchasing a system that will serve our
1.4	asking?	14	needs better,
15	MR. LEE: Yeah, because it says here, "Not	15	That being said, I am certainly
16	more than one temporary certificate shall be issued	16	willing to entertain an improvement to that
17	to the same individual", so is that and up above,	ŀ	sentence. If the council would like to specify that
18	you know, as we lead off this section under	18	it is one water or wastewater certificate in that
19	"Temporary", it's, "A person age 18 without valid	19	five years, I am certainly interested if that's what
20	certification shall apply for temporary	20	you would like to do.
21	certification as a waterworks or wastewater works",	21	MR. LEE: Yes.
22	so they can apply for one or the other, but	22	MS, CHARD: And it is very clear.
23	MR, TYLER: I would go up a little bit	23	MR. LEE: Yes, so I totally understand
24	higher with that, too, where it begins, "A temporary	24	having the waterworks license for a five-year period
25	certificate is valid from one year from the date of	25	or the wastewater works for a five-year period, but
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i	employment and is not renewable" at that point in		when we have small systems and people trying to get
	time.		one or the other and we have such a hard time
3	So that's taking the step that if you		getting operators these days, I don't want to limit
	were already working at that facility, you could not		them from coming back and working in one of the
	apply for a water if you had a wastewater		other disciplines. So if it could be rewritten in
	temporary when you got hired and you were already at that place for a year, you couldn't move over and	\ '7	such a way MR, TYLER: This is how I believe the
	apply for the temporary of the other site, you would	'	statute was written in occupational licensing. I
	need to go through the process.		don't know if that's one to look at changing, as
10			well.
	years and came back into the industry, you could	11	MS. CHARD: Okay.
	then apply for a temporary license again.	12	
13	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		entertain a five-to-ten-minute recess or a break,
	water license, I leave the industry and I come back		whatever we need to call it, so the lawyers can look
	three years later and do a temporary wastewater, I		up the statutory language and then we'll reconvene
	can't do that?		immediately, as soon as she has a chance to do that?
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	there, "Not more than one temporary certificate	18	I would like to suggest that we take
	shall be issued to the same individual during any		a five-to-ten-minute recess while we and the lawyers
	five-year period", I would side with no on that.		have a chance to review that.
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	little bit of this is kind of with the current	23	
	database that we're working in. When you have that	24	
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25	number in there and how it's gone, it's hard to tie	25	DR, JARMAN: Yes.

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1	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	1	attorney for the Water Quality Division. We did
2	MR. LEE: Yes.	2	take an opportunity to confirm by looking at
3	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	3	statute, the underlying provision that we were
4	MS, MACH: Yes.	4	speaking about before you took a recess does require
5	MS, FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?	5	that, quote, "Not more than one temporary
6	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.	6	certificate shall be issued to the same individual
7	MS, FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	7	during any five-year period", and that is found at
8	MR, SCHWAB: Yes.		Title 59 Oklahoma Statutes Section I'm sorry,
9	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?		it's 1108. So that would that's required by
10	MR. SMITH: Yes.		statute.
11	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?	11	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Comments?
12	MR. SOWERS: Yes.	12	MR. SMITH: I have a question. If it's
13	MS, FIELDS: Mr, Duzan?		required by statute, is it even needed in this
14	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		language?
	MR. DUZAN: Yes.		
15	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.	15	MS. EBERLE: It is not necessarily needed
16	MR, DUZAN: Okay. We are in recess.		in the rule. I'll defer to Brandon on this; I
17	(Break taken from 2:59 p.m. to 3:09 p.m.)		believe it was added to maybe clarify for the
18	MR. DUZAN: Okay. We're going to go ahead		customer what it was,
	and reconvene, so I think we'll have to have a vote	19	MR. TYLER: Yes, this is more for customer
1	to get us back in session.		service purposes. With a lot of environmental
21	MS. MACH: I make a motion to reconvene		rules, they can be found in a certain area; with
ł	our session.		occupational licensing, it's in a completely
23	MR. SOWERS: Second.	23	different area and a lot of people don't know where
24	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Let's have a vote.	24	to look.
25	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	25	So we do try to put as much got to
1	DR. JARMAN: Yes.	1	put as much clarity in there as we can, especially
2	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	2	with I mean, the temporary licenses are just a
3	MR. LEE: Yes.	3	certain license of their own, so just kind of add
4	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?		that language in there for customer service, to an
5	MS. MACH: Yes.		extent.
6	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?	6	DR. JARMAN: So is the only fix a change
7	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.		in the state law through the legislature?
8	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	8	MS. EBERLE: I'm sorry, do you mind
9	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.		repeating the question?
10	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?	10	DR. JARMAN: So is the only fix to change
11	MR. SMITH: Yes.		the state law through the legislature?
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13	MR. SOWERS: Yes.	13	•
14	MS, FIELDS: Mr, Duzan?	14	,
15	MR. DUZAN; Yes.	15	, , ,
16	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.		I heard that there was a working group that maybe
17	MR. DUZAN: Now we messed up, probably,		has been used in the past.
1	all your voting boxes by adding stuff.	18	Is it possible to maybe reconvene
19	MS. FIELDS: It's okay.	19	that working group to go through this chapter and
	MR. DUZAN: Okay. So we're now back in	20	maybe evaluate and see if that change impacts
20			operators and/or any other language within this
1	session, and I believe we're going to have a	21	
21	session, and I believe we're going to have a statement from the lawyers as to what can and can't		section maybe to review it again?
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3	two that they end up equaling that four-hour, if we	3	MS. CHARD: Okay. So we have Ms. Mach,
4	just have some footnote for clarification.	4	Mr. Schwab, Mr. Smith. We will then ask that the
5	MR. TYLER: Okay. I think we can do that,	5	others of you, should you develop an interest,
6	MS, CHARD: If the council would like to	6	please contact us before you attend a meeting to
7	amend the motion when it is made to direct the staff	7	ensure that we don't violate Open Meetings Act, and
8	to add a clarifying footnote, we will do that.	8	so we will take it from there. Thank you.
9	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Does somebody want to	9	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Thank you, Shellie.
10	make the motion?	10	And now you're next on the agenda with the
11	MR. SCHWAB: I make the motion to approve	11	Director's Report.
12	as written, with a clarifying footnote on the	12	MS. CHARD: Great. Thank you all very
13	classroom training in Appendix C.	13	much.
14	MR. LEE: Second,	1.4	The first thing I would like to do is
15	MR. DUZAN: Okay. We have a motion and a	15	make an announcement that was announced to the
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17	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?		ago, and that is George Russell is no longer the
18	DR, JARMAN: Yes.		interim Director of the State Environmental
19	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	19	Laboratory. The "interim" has been removed; so he
20	MR. LEE: Yes.		is now officially the full-time Director of the
21	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?		State Environmental Laboratory Services Division.
22	MS. MACH: Yes.	22	[Applause.]
23	MS, FIELDS: Dr, Pawlisz?	23	MS. CHARD: And then I'll turn things over
24	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.		to George first and then I've got a couple of things
25	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?		that I would like to discuss with you.
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1	MR. SMITH: Yes.	1	MR. RUSSELL: Thank you for the applause,
2	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	2	I appreciate that. That was very nice, made me feel
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3	MR. SCHWAB: Yes. MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?		So we recently hired a new Assistant Division
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2	Any rule, policy guidance, those	2	So, you know, there's obviously	
1	types of things, the new Congress has 90 days to	ı	there's some education that has to happen. DEQ has	
1	or, a 90-day look-back so they can determine if	1	had conversations with the author, but his	
1	something should be overturned or remanded to the		constituents are very unhappy about the land	
1	Agency of the rules and issues we've talked about		application of biosolids. So that's something we	
1	here.		will definitely be talking about at each of our	
8	There is one of the rules that is		meetings until we have some resolution there, but	
	subject to that, that's the Lead and Copper		that's going to be a big one for sure.	
10	Improvement Rule. Don't know what's going to	10	One piece of good news that I did	
11	happen, but that is one that is in that window that		want to share with you is through our enforcement	
12	it's relatively easy for that to be pulled back.		process at a drinking water facility, in lieu of a	
13	Based on the fact that the original		pretty significant cash penalty, we are contracting	
14	version of this rule was the first Trump	14	with a national expert to come in and do free	
15	administration putting together this rule and	15	water/wastewater cybersecurity training.	
16	getting that out and in effect, I don't know if that	16	We will have at the joint meeting of	
17	will have any bearing on whether it will be	17	the Oklahoma Water Environment Association and	
18	reviewed, changed, or left in place, but I think	18	American Public Works Association of Oklahoma, there	
19	we'll know relatively soon what's going to happen	19	will be a half-day cybersecurity workshop that the	
20	there.	20	contractor will come in and do. They will also be	
21	For PFAS, the drinking water rules,	21	doing cybersecurity for water/wastewater in a	
22	they're outside that window. There are multiple	22	similar manner that we do what we refer to as our	
23	lawsuits from some of the bigtime players in the	23	road show.	
24	water sector. They won't be able to pull back that	24	So we will be having the contractors	
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2	are to be in place no later than March. So we're	2	hazardous waste landfills.
3	very excited to have some of those opportunities	3	We know right now that some of the
4	that we have not had in the past to get that kind of	4	solid waste landfills, you know, certainly take
5	training available.	5	biosolids, they mix it with other materials they
6	With that, I know we've been here a	6	receive. There's some concern about slope
7	while today, I will stop there and be happy to	7	stabilization or destabilization if they are taking
8	answer any questions that any of you have.	8	large quantities of biosolids.
9	MR. LEE: Hi, Shellie. So you mentioned	9	There are also some experts say we
10	the PFAS human health criteria for the three PFAS	10	absolutely do not have landfill capacity for
11	chemicals. The way I understand it is states can	11	biosolids, others say, 'Oh, yeah, there's plenty of
12	choose whether to adopt those or not. Do you have	12	capacity'. So I don't know enough to confirm one
13	an opinion on that at this point?	13	way or the other, but those are certainly
14	MS, CHARD: So those criteria would have	14	conversations that we're going to be having,
15	to go into Oklahoma Water Quality Standards, those	15	MR. LEE: And so I guess that would also
16	were transferred to us now a couple of years ago.	16	mean that any biosolids mixed with wood chips to
17	We are working through all of the requested changes	17	create compost would also be considered potentially
18	that are needed by Oklahoma permitted facilities.	18	hazardous, as well, not be able to be manufactured
19	We have a long list of things that we	19	or processed?
20	have to work through that were EPA-requested changes	20	MS, CHARD: I would say the one thing we
21	to existing standards and we'll have to make those	21	know for sure, if you could be Class A designation
22	decisions, and when we get through that then we	22	it is no longer a sewage sludge, a biosolid, it is a
23	would have to look at the new recommended-by-EPA	23	consumer product and has a very different regulatory
24	standards.	24	process that is not a DEQ process.
25	And so at this time, we are not	25	As many of you may know, if you buy
	Page 66 working to include this into Oklahoma's Water	١,	fertilizer at Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot called
	Quality Standards. Within a short amount of time, a		Milorganite, it is Milwaukee Class A biosolids. So
	couple of years maybe, if this standard stands, then		it is once it meets Class A, it's no longer
19	EPA would have the ability to object to any Oklahoma		considered a biosolid or something regulated in the
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2	MS. CHARD: They still prefer triennial	2	MS. CHARD: The final has come out. The
3	review that is specified. It's a workload issue for	3	final was published, I thought.
4	them. Because of the movement of the standards to	4	DR. PAWLISZ: The Aquatic Life Criteria
5	DEQ from the Water Board, we will do a triennial	5	was final, but I'm talking about
6	review, a once-every-three-year review and	6	MS. CHARD: Yes.
7	submission because it's taken us a couple years to	7	DR. PAWLISZ: human health
8	get the rules in place. And we will do that,	8	MS. CHARD: Okay.
9	already starting to work on it.	9	DR. PAWLISZ: criteria which was
10	They haven't told us we cannot do an	10	drafted in December.
11	annual update. I think we will be making that	11	MS. CHARD: Yes.
12	decision based on what makes sense to us. If they	12	DR. PAWLISZ: So in context of the
13	sit on it and don't review or respond, I guess	13	Congressional Review Act - I'm not a legal scholar -
14	that's their prerogative, but we are building	14	but does the CRA apply to draft rules, as well?
15	relationships with the standards people; so that's	15	MS. CHARD: It applies yes and no.
16	going to be helpful for us.	16	Because it's not final, it does not have to go
17	Another change of personnel that	17	through the official Congress taking an action.
18	should be helpful to us in looking at what we need	18	Something that is not finalized, the President, who
19	to do with whether it be our rules or our permits	19	is head of the Executive Branch agencies - which
20	or, in this case, standards, as some of you know,	20	includes EPA - could simply say, 'I want that pulled
21	Troy Hill was named the Director of the Office of	21	back, we're not moving forward', or, 'I definitely
22	Water in Dallas. He's got a lot of experience in	22	am in favor of something, I want that to move
23	the water programs and has really good relationships	23	forward'.
24	with a lot of us at DEQ.	24	Typically, that's what we see for
25	And just in the last two or three	25	something that is not final, but it just stays as
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	Water has been named, Curry Jones, he also has a	1	may or may not do something.
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2	MR. DUZAN: Any other questions for	2	I, Jenny Longley, Certified Shorthand
3	Shellie?	3	Reporter within and for the State of Oklahoma, do
4	Okay. We'll move on. There is no	4	hereby certify that the above and foregoing meeting
5	New Business, and our next scheduled meeting is	5	was by me taken in shorthand and thereafter
6	April 22nd, 2:00, in this room.	6	transcribed; and that I am not an attorney for nor
7	So having said that, I will entertain	7	relative of any of said parties or otherwise
8	a motion to dismiss.	8	interested in the event of said action.
9	MR. SMITH: Move to adjourn.	9	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
10	DR. JARMAN: Second.	10	set my hand and official seal this 8th day of
11	MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,	11	January, 2025.
12	we'll have a vote.	12	
13	MS, FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	13	112
14	DR. JARMAN: Yes.	14	Jenny Longley, CSR
15	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	15	CSR # 1903
16	MR. LEE: Yes.	16	
17	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	17	
18	MS, MACH: Yes,	18	
19	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Pawlisz?	19	
20	DR. PAWLISZ: Yes.	20	
21	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	21	
22	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.	22	
23	MS, FIELDS: Mr, Smith?	23	
24	MR. SMITH: Yes.	24	
25	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?	25	
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3	/ II. DOZ/II. 163.		
4	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.		
5	MR. DUZAN: We are adjourned.		
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