Irrigator Advisory Council Minutes

August 6, 2026

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Mr. James Garvin called the meeting to order. Members of the council that were present included Mr. James Garvin, Mr. Remmington Holt, Mr. Norm Werback, Mr. DJ Seeger, and Mr. Sergio Martinez. TCEQ individuals present include Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Ms. Jayme Martone, Ms. Yesenia Perez, Ms. Katherine McGlaughlin, and Mr. Paul Munguia.

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Norm Werback to approve the May 2026 IAC meeting minutes as they were written, the motion was seconded by Mr. Sergio Martinez. The vote to adopt was unanimous.

TCEQ Program Updates

Landscape Irrigation Program

Ms. Jayme Martone relayed the most recent investigation numbers for the program as well as recent training and outreach events the program has participated in.

Cross-Connection Control

Ms. Katherine McGlaughlin discussed alternate form approvals and third-party record keeping services. She discussed the review of the new backflow test form and upcoming training opportunities.

Occupational Licensing

Mr. Paul Munguia provided updated licensing numbers to the council and discussed the occupational licensing division's ongoing rulemaking project. A discussion was had to clarify some of the proposed CEU rules.

Workgroup Updates

Survey Workgroup

Ms. Jayme Martone gave a brief update on the workgroup's plan to present the data collected to the council.

RG-466 Workgroup

Mr. Norm Werback updated the council on a lack of attendance at the workgroup meetings and the plan to table this workgroup until next year.

Rule Review Workgroup

Mr. DJ Seeger discussed with the council a potential rule-change recommendation related to requiring master valves on new irrigation systems, except in a few specific circumstances. A discussion took place about the details of this recommendation. Mr. Seeger also discussed some future topics the workgroup could meet about including CEU requirements and renewal fees.

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New Business

Rule Efficiency Review

Mr. Joseph Hopkins discussed a comment received by TCEQ from the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association encouraging the agency to consider the integration of several different rule sets including landscape irrigation.

IAC Nominations Update

Ms. Jayme Martone updated the council on the nominations for new members to join the IAC. She let the council know that the landscape irrigation program has recommended Mr. Keith Waldrep, Mr. Nathan Riggs, Mr. Duy Vu, and Ms. Jamie Richardson to join the council and that the ultimate decision would be made by the Commissioners on August 26, 2026.

Honorary License Request – Paul Howard Bishop (LI0005227)

The council chose to defer the consideration of an honorary license for Mr. Paul Howard Bishop to the next council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Norm Werback and seconded by Mr. Sergio Martinez. The council approved the motion to adjourn.

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