

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

*This special meeting of the Alternative Fuels Technicians Examiners Committee scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S. §§ 301-314]. Advance public notice was sent to the Secretary of State's Office by electronic transmission specifying the time and place of the meeting. Notice was also prominently posted at the office of the Oklahoma Department of Labor at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(A)(11).*

PUBLIC BODY: Alternative Fuels Technicians Examiners Committee

DATE: January 12, 2023

MEETING ADDRESS: Oklahoma Department of Labor  
409 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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**Agenda Item 1:**

**Call to Order**

Jeff Twiehaus called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2:**

**Roll Call**

Committee members present at the time of roll call: Adam Ellis, Charles Lawson, Craiton Cooper, Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner

Members absent: Randy McGrew

A quorum was present.

Oklahoma Department of Labor staff present: Carrie Wasser, Daniel Mares, Don Schooler, James Williams, John Melson, Maral Ghavidel, Ruth Neville, and Victor Self. Tommy Granneman participated in the meeting remotely.

**Agenda Item 3:**

**Statement of Compliance with Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act**

Ruth Neville read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Agenda Item 4:**

**Committee and public discussion and possible recommendation for approval/denial of a variance request by BayoTech Corporation, in association with Opal Fuels, regarding hydrogen storage cylinders that currently fall outside the scope of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act. BayoTech has requested the use of DOT-approved containers for transporting and storing hydrogen in Oklahoma**

Jeff Twiehaus opened discussion with reading seven (7) questions that had been previously submitted by Committee members to the ODOL for BayoTech Corporation, in association with Opal Fuels, regarding the request for a variance request for hydrogen fuel storage cylinders and BayoTech responses to those questions. Daniel Pachon, BayoTech, Director of Project Management, Pedro Garcia, Opal Fuels, Sr. Director, and Tommy Granneman, ODOL Chief Boiler Inspector, participated in the meeting remotely.

The Committee, ODOL staff, Mr. Pachon, Mr. Garcia, and public participated in the discussion. Discussion included the purpose of the variance request, current method to fill cascade units, rules and regulations, national and international codes, properties of storage cylinders, benefits of one type of cylinder over

another, inspection and testing of cylinders, installation of the cylinders, hydrogen codes, cylinder storage and venting, and current installation locations. Don Schooler said no action is required by the Committee if they choose not to make a recommendation. Jeff Twiehaus said the Committee would like to receive and review information on the variance that was granted in California, as well as any inspection reports, reports of failures in service, and notices of violation from the date of being placed in service. Jeff Twiehaus said the Committee will provide a response at the February 7, 2023, regular meeting. Jim Williams said if committee members have additional questions for BayoTech, send them to Ruth Neville.

**Agenda Item 5:**

**Next Regularly Scheduled meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Oklahoma Department of Labor**

**Agendas Item 6:**

**Adjournment**

Jeff Twiehaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Yes: Craiton Cooper, Adam Ellis, Charles Lawson, Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.