

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority
Held on Wednesday 19 August 2025
At the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, Paget
and Remotely using Teams Teleconference**

PRESENT: Ms. Davida Morris, Chair (remote access)
Mr. Eugene Saunders, Deputy Chair
Ms. Debby Correia, Member
Dr. Tom Sleeter, Member
Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member (remote access)

ADVISORS: Ms. Patricia Hollis, Environmental Officer, DENR
Dr. Shaun Lavis, Hydrogeologist, DENR
Ms. Crystal Baxter, Environmental Health Officer

ABSENT: Mr. Andrew Barnes, Member
Mr. James Morrison, Member
Dr. Geoff Smith, Director, DENR
Mr. Paul McDonald, Assistant Director, Dept. of Planning
Mr. Armell Thomas, Acting Chief EHO, Health
Mr. Tarik Christopher, Chief Engineer, Public Works (remote access)

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting No. 408 held on 23 July 2025 were approved and signed by the Deputy Chair.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 BELCO Complaints—July 2025

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

that there were 15 soot complaints over 8 confirmed complaint days, and no odour complaints in July 2025.

3. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (New)

3.1 CP-846, OL-1301 Miles Brewer

The Authority **APPROVED:**

the application for a 22 kW lpg-fired generator at 20 Salt Kettle Road, Paget, subject to standard conditions and providing there are no objections received during the advertised period.

4. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (Reissues)

4.1 MPW & E Waste Disposal Facilities

4.1.1 OL-168 Airport Waste Management Facility

The Authority **APPROVED:**

the operating licence for the Airport Waste Management Facility, subject to the amended conditions. It was noted that provision for the disposal of legacy asbestos and bio-medical waste ash was included, but not for electric vehicle batteries.

4.1.2 OL-349 Marsh Folly Compost Facility

It was noted that at the last meeting, the Authority approved the issuance of the annual Operating Licence for the Marsh Folly Compost Facility subject to the wood chippings and compost being handled and stored in a manner approved by the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS).

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

that DENR was informed that BFRS was in the process of assessing the site for its fire certification.

4.2 The Authority APPROVED:

the applications for reissue of operating licences listed on the one-page printout, subject to standard conditions with the exception of OL-114 Belco diesel engines and OL-145 Grotto Bay waste water treatment facility pending submission of annual reports.

It was noted that approval was granted for OL-1074, Bermuda Skyport Corporation's waste water treatment plant and OL-991 Amis Memorial Chapel crematorium, subject to the same conditions as before.

5. Applications for Water Rights (New)

The Authority **APPROVED:**

5.1 WR 5843 submitted by Leon Bascombe for a domestic well at Fortress Gardens West, Rushy Lane, Sandys, for supply of up to 4000 gpd for RO Plant, subject to standard conditions.

5.2 WR 5857 submitted by Leon Bascome for a domestic borehole for the disposal of reject water from a 4000 IGPD reverse osmosis plant at Fortress Gardens West, Rushy Lane, Sandys, subject to standard conditions, and providing the borehole is sealed at least 50 feet below sea level.

5.3 WR 5861 submitted by Surgical Specialists Ltd for a domestic rainwater disposal borehole at 15 Point Finger Road, Paget, subject to standard conditions.

6. Applications for Water Rights (Reissues)

6.1 The Authority APPROVED:

the reissuance of Water Rights on the four-page printout, subject to standard conditions, with the exception of six indicated as withdrawn.

6.2 Overpayment of Application Fees

It was noted that on occasion, an applicant will submit duplicate payment of application fees for the same Water Right.

The Authority **DECLINED:**

to grant consecutive water rights in the event of overpayment of application fees.

It is understood that when the relicencing programme is taken online later this year, double payments will be less likely to occur.

7. Study of Seismic Activity around Bermuda

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

that visiting geophysicists and an experimental petrogeologist from Carnegie, Washington DC had recently analysed data from the seismic receiver at the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences, Ferry Reach and had found evidence for numerous mini seismic events. Future studies intend on deploying seismic receivers across the island to understand the nature and implications of the mini seismic events.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 3pm, Wednesday, 24 September 2025.


CHAIRMAN


DATE