

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** Commissioner Baiocco and Aqua Conscience

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 9, 2019

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**LOCATION:** CPSC HQ, Suite 720

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Commissioner Baiocco, Mike Asplen, Dottie Yahr

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Pamela Gilbert, of Counsel, Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca; Maria Bella, Aqua Conscience

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** Commissioner Baiocco and staff met with Maria Bella of Aqua Conscience and Pamela Gilbert, of Counsel, to discuss CPSC's *Pool Safely* messaging as well as Aqua Conscience's work on improving lifeguard training and effectiveness. Aqua Conscience has studied factors that contribute to pool related incidents and injuries and teaches lifeguards to scan pools in a grid system and encourages lifeguard training organizations to incorporate this method. Aqua Conscience advocates for mandatory scientific testing requirements to validate pool zones that are assigned to each lifeguard on duty to ensure all areas of a pool are properly covered by a lifeguard and accounts for light refraction and pool depth. Aqua Conscience's studies have also shown that lifeguards should switch monitoring zones every 30 minutes and take breaks every 60 minutes.