



**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2012

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Gene Park, Bill Patenaude and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM
Greg Schultz, Esq. Rhode Island Attorney General's Office
Bret Jedele, Esq., Chace Ruttenberg & Freedman

Mr. Patenaude called the May 2, 2012 meeting to order.

The first order of business was the review of the draft April 4, 2012 open meeting minutes. After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes with changes to grammatical errors; Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed.

The next order of business was the closed Executive Session minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting. After brief discussion and clarification of terminology, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all eligible members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was an application review and for a provisional license from the RI Department of Administration for Mr. Joseph Gonyea. According to the application, signed by Mr. Gonyea, an operator at the Zambarano WWTF, and Mr. Edward Rudigear, of the DOA facilities office, Mr. Gonyea is an operator at the Zambarano facility.

After a review of Mr. Gonyea's application, education and experience Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Mr. Gonyea's provisional request for six months. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to issue suspension of three licenses—two for two days and one for five days—and to have said operators provide evidence of having taken ICS level 100 training. Dr. Park seconded the

motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park and Mr. Schock in the affirmative; Ms. Forgue, negative; Mr. McLynch recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the May 2, 2012 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative. Mr. McLynch was recused from the vote.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative. Mr. McLynch was recused from the vote.

Attorney Jedele then returned to the meeting whereupon the motion made in Executive Session was repeated. He then thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

Mr. Patenaude stated that he had no new updates to the draft Regulations. Mr. Patenaude will attempt to have a subsequent meeting to assist him with a draft for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Schock, the motion passed with all members voting in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Office located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI.