



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Members in Attendance: Janet Baldwin, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Board reviewed the draft April 5, 2017 open and closed meeting minutes.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin and Mr. McLynch abstained as they were not present at the April meeting.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the April 5th executive session meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin and Mr. McLynch and Mr. Patenaude abstained as they were not present during executive session deliberations.

The next item on the agenda was exam applications. Mr. Patenaude gave the board an overview of the policy on how applications are processed.

The first application to be reviewed was from Marcello Taveira, who is applying for Grade 4 examination. Mr. Taveira holds a 3 OIT to expire June 1, 2017. Per the Board's Rules and Regulations (Part 5.6.C.3.c) an applicant must possess a full Grade 3 to sit for the Grade 4 exam. After discussion, the Board did not take action on any waiver of that rule for Mr. Taveira, and as such his application denial status was not changed.

The next application was a request for Grade 2 reciprocity from Gregory Masiello, he is a mechanic at the Warwick WWTF. Mr. Masiello holds a Grade 4 license from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Masiello has experience in the field, but specific details of this employment related to work in collections systems were not available at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to allow the Board to give him the authority to confirm Mr. Masiello's employment history and, contingent upon the review, approve Mr. Masiello's application for a full Grade 2 license via reciprocity or a Grade 2 OIT license via reciprocity. Mr. McLynch seconded. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude stated that the abbreviated operator review course sponsored by NWPCA and taught by Mr. Michael Spring was well attended. Attendees were enthusiastic.

Mr. Patenaude received a request from the City of Woonsocket WWTF to help disseminate employment information for Grade 4 operators. Per previous agreements, the Board will send said information to all Rhode Island Grade 4 operators once the city or its contractor provides it.

The next item discussed was a course approval.

After discussion, Mr. Kurdziel motioned to deny the NWPCA course “Active Shooter.” Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor, as such the course was denied.

In new business, Mr. Patenaude invited the Board to attend the NWPCA Annual Awards banquet to be held on May 25th, 2017 at the Potowamutt Golf Club.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 9:30 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.