



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

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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

Others in Attendance: Paul Nordstrom, Kathy Perez and David Perrotta
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena, RIDEM

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

The Board reviewed the draft May 2, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed.

The next item discussed was the Grade 3 license issuance of David Perrotta. Mr. Perrotta was issued a Grade 3 in December 2016 due to passing the Grade 3 exam. Erroneously, he was issued a Grade 3OIT as it was thought that he was in Direct Responsible Charge (DRC). In May 2018 Mr. Perrotta applied to take the Grade 4 exam. At this time, it was discovered that the error was made. It also raised another question, if Mr. Perrotta had applied for reciprocity a time limit would not be imposed.

After discussion, Mr. Schock motioned to formally rescind the issuance of Mr. Perrotta's Grade 3 issued in error and issue him a Grade 3OIT to expire at his three-year anniversary of attaining Direct Responsible Charge. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

The next item was Grade 3 if and when time limitations. According to Section 5.10(F) of the Rules and Regulations there is a 2-year limitation in which an operator may be in DRC. If one applies for reciprocity there are no limitations as to when the Grade 3 equivalent was achieved. Mr. Kurdziel offered if one took an exam and passed, s/he should not have to take another. Ms. Hoefsmit, noted that whatever is proposed it should be consistent with individuals in state and out of state. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting

The next item discussed resulted from a discussion from the May Boot Camp which was the license level of maintenance and lab staff. Currently, these individuals can only be licensed up to Grade 2.

Paul Nordstrom offered an overview of the history of licensure, based on his experience with the State of California and with the Board's regulation development from the 1970s. The overview discussed present realities, such as new technologies, labor union requirements, etc. Mr. Schock and Mr. McLynch commented on the probable need under current realities to allow more flexibility to those in non-operator positions, but still working at a wastewater treatment facility, the opportunity to achieve higher level grades.

The discussion will be resumed at another meeting

The Board then reviewed the May 2018 exam results.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4). Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, and Mr. Schock voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Perez, Messers. Nordstrom and Perrotta left the meeting.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the June 6, 2018 executive session meeting minutes. Ms. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn, Mr. McLynch seconded. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

In new business, Mr. Patenaude reported the Operators Challenge team did an excellent job overall and will be going to New Orleans to compete.

Mr. Schock motioned to allow the chair to send a letter to the team congratulating them on a job well done. Mr. McLynch seconded all members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude invited the Board to attend final presentation from the Boot Campers on August 30, 2018 8:00-4:00.

Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn, Mr. McLynch seconded. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.