

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade St., Providence
Conference Room 280

Members in Attendance: Rick Dionne, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, Jon Schock, Tom White and Ray Wright

Others in Attendance: David Gaipo, AquaSource
Greg Shultz, Esq., DEM Legal Service
Traci Lima, DEM

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 2:00. Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-5(a), Mr. Patenaude requested that the Board convene in executive session to discuss the job performance of an employee from AquaSource, Mr. David Gaipo and a former employee of the Warwick Sewer Authority, Mr. Timothy Barry.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn into closed executive session. Seconded by Mr. Kurdziel, all members voted in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting then adjourned into executive session, with Mr. Gaipo present.

After completing the specific business in closed session, the meeting re-opened into open session with a motion by Mr. White, a second by Mr. Kurdziel and all members voting in favor.

Per Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-7(c) the votes made in closed session needed to be made and confirmed in open session.

The first vote was per the Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Section 11(c) and 13(a) and §42-17.4-8(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws found Mr. Gaipo in non-compliance. Therefore, Mr. Gaipo's April 2002 application was invalid. Mr. Gaipo will be allowed to take the Fall 2002 Grade 3 exam providing he fills out an application and it is reviewed and approved by the Board. Mr. Gaipo will be sent a letter stating the Board's decision and advising him of the importance of filling out an application accurately. Mr. Dionne approved the vote seconded by Mr. Patenaude, and the motion passed.

The other vote taken by the Board in closed session was that of Mr. Barry. The matter of Mr. Barry would be tabled to the next meeting because time was an issue. Mr. Schock motioned to table the matter of Mr. Barry until the October meeting. Seconded by Ms. Forgue.

The third and final motion was made by Mr. White to close a portion of the September 19, 2002 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Kurdziel.

After the votes were reviewed, Messers. Schock and Wright left the meeting.

The next items on the agenda were the review of draft meeting minutes for open and closed session of the July and September meetings.

Mr. Patenaude motion to approve all the minutes all at once, Ms. Forgue seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. White motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dionne. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 9:30 am in conference room 280C in the Office of Water Resources on the 2nd floor of the Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence.