



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

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, JUNE 1, 2016

**Members in Attendance:** Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

**Others in Attendance:** Scott Goodinson & Charles Labbé (Warwick)  
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena

The meeting came to order at 9:35 a.m.

The first order of business was the review of the draft April 6, 2016 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin and Ms. Forgue abstained as they were not present at the April meeting.**

The next item to be discussed was Operator Licensure Application Reviews. Messers. Goodinson and Labbé were before the Board to provide additional information related to the licensure request of Mr. Labbé. The Warwick Sewer Authority is seeking guidance on a plan agreeable to both the Board and the City to have Mr. Labbé obtain a Grade 4 license so he may be offered a promotional opportunity as the Assistant Superintendent at the Warwick WWTF.

**After discussions, Mr. Patenaude motioned to follow the East Providence model offered in December 2013, which is to allow Mr. Labbé a Grade 4 OIT license for 3 years with the provision that in the absence of the superintendent, the City of Warwick would provide a Grade 4 license holder to act as Superintendent. During the 3 years in an OIT status, Mr. Labbé would otherwise act in Direct Responsible Charge. At the end of 3 years, if that time was spent in good standing in DRC, Mr. Labbé could then be issued a Grade 4 license. Mr. Labbé Grade 4 OIT license would only be valid at the Warwick WWTF. At the end of the 3 years the WSA would have to make a request to the Board to upgrade Mr. Labbé's license. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Dr. Baldwin and Ms. Forgue. Messers. Desrosiers and Schock voted nay. As such the motion passed.**

Messers. Goodinson and Labbé left the meeting at 9:50.

**Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session to discuss issues regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operator 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. Baldwin, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock voting in the affirmative.**

**Mr. Schock motioned to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting, as amended. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Patenaude abstained from the vote as he was not present during executive session. Dr. Baldwin and Ms. Forgue abstained as they were not present at the April meeting.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the April 6, 2016 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.**

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

The discussion of the draft Regulations will be on hold until Mr. Patenaude and Ms. Hoefsmit can schedule a time to review. At that time edits will be emailed to the Board.

Other items tabled will be Plant Rankings and the plant evaluation classification worksheet.

Revocation of license was discussed. Individuals had 30 days to contest a pending revocation of their license due to non-renewal.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to revoke the licenses of those individuals who had not contested their pending revocation: Erin Andrews, William Badger, Michel Corriea, Donald Deshaies, William Farrell, Jr., Christian Freund, David Gee, John Krawetz, Alan Linsky, Kevin MacDonald, Robert Mack, Mark Perogino, Ernest Persechino, James Pouliot, Jr., John Ross, Jr. and Richard Tavares. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.**

In new business, Mr. Patenaude stated that the NWPCA Awards banquet was well attended. Also, the NWPCA golf tournament will be held at Pottowamutt golf course on Monday, June 27, 2016.

Mr. Patenaude also suggested moving the Board meeting to the afternoon. The schedule change would not work for Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock.

**At 10:15, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. Ms. Forgue seconded. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.**