



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers and Bill Patenaude

Others in Attendance: Traci Pena and Matt Puglia - RIDEM

Meeting Minutes - Regulations: November 19, 2019

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Messrs. Desrosiers and Patenaude reviewed the March and April 2019 regulatory meeting minutes to evaluate which items identified at those meetings have thus far been addressed and who on the Board would be best suited to develop draft language related to those items for full Board review. The following suggestions were then considered for presentation at the December 4th Board meeting:

- From the March 2019 meeting: *Consideration of language that could better address supervision/union member relationships* – Mr. McLynch
- From the March and April 2019 meetings: *The definition of Direct Responsible Charge* to include maintenance staff ability to attain Grade 3 licensure. – Mr. Patenaude (to be based on previous Board discussions).
- From the March 2019 meeting: *Explore any appropriate use of language from the Association of Boards of Certification* – Mrs. Orpen-Tuz
- From the March 2019 meeting: *Adding requirements that communities/facilities contact the Board prior to hiring upper-level managers* so that the Board can provide a review of licensure levels, etc. – Mr. Patenaude
- From the March and April 2019 meeting: *The possible need for sunset dates on “if and when” exams and courses*: The Board would need to discuss and have consistence with in-state vs out-of-state and set a number of hours.
- From the March and April 2019 meeting: *Re-examining the need to require mandatory training for renewals* (versus the current “above-and-beyond” voluntary training approach). Discussion on this matter will be added to the agenda of an upcoming meeting.
- From the March and April 2019 meeting: *Examination and licensure qualifications* especially related to education. Of particular interest was the types of “sciences” that might be allowed, such as business or management (which currently are not allowed) – Dr. Baldwin
- *The place of Board “discretion” within the regulation*. As this term would impact several areas of the current regulations, Mr. Patenaude suggested that this be dealt with on a case-by-case basis when drafting the Regulations.
- From the March and April 2019 meeting: *Examination protocols* especially related to applications, exam delivery, and reviews. – Mr. Desrosiers

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.

The next Regulation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 2:00 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.