



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2013

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Julia Fogue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The first order of business was the December 2012 draft minutes.

After review, Mr. Patenaude voted to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion, with all eligible members voting in favor the motion passed. Ms. Forge and Mr. Desrosiers abstained as they were not present at said meeting.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Ms Fogue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

The first item discussed was the approval of the December 2012 draft executive session minutes.

Mr. Patenaude motioned approval, as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor, the motion passed. Mr. Desrosiers and Ms. Fogue abstained as they were not present at the December 2012 meeting.

Mr. Patenaude also made a motion to initiate the revocation of a wastewater license based on evidence, analysis of records related to improper recording, and prior discussions at executive sessions. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All members voted in favor with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel and Mr. Desrosiers. Ms. Fogue and Mr. Schock abstained as they were not present at the previous meeting for discussion.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Ms. Fogue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the January 9, 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Ms. Fogue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude stated that the regulations were still being formatted for public comment issuance.

Mr. Patenaude asked Mr. Desrosiers about concerns noted earlier related to the Grade 1 and its effectiveness as adequately determining a new operator's proficiency. Mr. Desrosiers discussed his observations that the exam may not be appropriately determining the ability of entry level operators. Mr. Patenaude noted that the exam was essentially the same exam used for some time. Mr. Desrosiers asked if the exam had once been re-written. Mr. Patenaude noted that he and other Board members had a number of years ago revised all the exams in accordance with best practices of the Association of Boards of Certification. Exam content, however, did not change.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schock. All members present voted in favor as such the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.