



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

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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

Others in Attendance: Tyler Bissonnette
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., Samuel Kaplan and Traci Pena, RIDEM

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

The Board reviewed the draft March 7, 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. Ms. Forgue and Dr. Baldwin abstained as they were not at the March meeting.

The next item discussed was Mr. Tyler Bissonnette who was seeking an advisory opinion for Grade 2 reciprocity from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Board reviewed Mr. Bissonnette's resume and experience. He also has a Grade 4-M certificate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It was the opinion once Mr. Bissonnette is employed at a Rhode Island wastewater treatment plant and submits a completed application that he would be eligible for a Grade 2 license through reciprocity.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4). Mr. McLynch 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. Patenaude motioned to seal the May 2, 2018 executive session meeting minutes. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

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

Next to be discussed were training course approvals.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Environmental Leverage courses as noted below. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Credit Hours approved	
	Microbiology:
2	M001 Wastewater Microbiology Pt 1
3.5	M002 Wastewater Microbiology Pt 2
2.5	M003 Wastewater Microbiology Pt 3
4.5	M004 How to use the Microscope
	Wastewater Operations:
4	WW01 Wastewater Basics
8.5	WW02 Visual Troubleshooting

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the IACET course Blueprints 1 for 1 hour, Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the IACET course Asset Management for 2 hours, Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the NEWEA 2018 Specialty Conference and Workshop Series – Industrial Wastewater for 4.5 hours, Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. All member voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve The Northern Maine’s Community College: Water Treatment Technology course after confirmation of hours for the 3rd and 4th semesters, Mr. McLynch seconded. All members voted in favor to approve the course pending the confirmation of hours. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed pending confirmation.

Mr. Schock motioned to deny the class from FirstNet Learning: Confined Space Entry as it was a requirement for employment. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, as such the course was denied.

The next item was the request from NWPCA to sponsor the Grade 1 course. Mr. Desrosiers stated that if NWPCA offered the course it would be more cost effective, could be offered more frequently and offer it to fewer people as there would not need to be a minimum number of participants. Mr. Patenaude noted that he had been on a conference call with Tom Groves of NEIWPC that Monday, the organization that currently offers the course. Mr. Groves noted that NEIWPC is still interested in teaching the course. Mr. Schock asked if NWPCA and NEIWPC could present a proposal to the Board.

In new business, the NEWEA spring meeting will be held this year in Newport, RI on June 4-6, 2018

Also, the NWPCA Awards Banquet will again be held at the Potowamut Country Club on May 24, 2018.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.