

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

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

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

Others in Attendance: David C. Tapalian, Esq., Tapalian & Tadros, P.C.
Timothy Barry
Greg Schultz, Esq., DEM Legal Services
Traci Lima

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:40. 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 the Warwick Sewer Authority, Mr. Timothy Barry.

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

The meeting then adjourned into executive session, with Messers. Barry and Tapalian. Mr. Patenaude informed Messers Barry and Tapalian that meeting minutes were still being taken and would be sealed.

After completing the specific business in closed session, the meeting re-opened into open session with a motion by Mr. Patenaude, a second by Mr. White 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 to allow an informal meeting between Messers Patenaude, Schultz, and Tapalian, then reconvene with the Board members on September 19, 2002 to report further information. Ms. Forgue and Mr. White approved this motion. All members voted in favor. Another vote was that of Mr. Gaipo, which was to send him a certified letter stating his deficiencies to the Board to attend the meeting and have the information required to the Board. He would be given another chance to provide such information and present it at the September 19, 2002 meeting. Mr. Schock approved the vote, seconded by Mr. White, all present voted in favor. Another vote in closed session was to present the draft closed session meeting minutes from July 9 again for review.

The next order of business was the draft meeting minutes of July 9. Board members made a number of editorial comments.

Mr. White motioned to approve the minutes as amended seconded by Mr. Patenaude, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators promulgation update. Mr. Patenaude informed the members that the regulations were being formulated electronically.

He then informed the Board that Doug Nettleton, the person chosen for the CCRI Course Instructor, is currently preparing the wastewater course with Mike Roberts.

The final item on the agenda was new business. Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that new applications were being designed to include a signature from the applicant's superintendent. He then asked the board if anybody would like to see the new application before copies were made, members declined.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 2:00 pm in conference room 280C in the Office of Water Resources on the 2nd floor of the Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 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.