



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

Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2009

Members in Attendance: Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, Jon Schock and Tom White

Others in Attendance: David Barlow, W. Warwick WWTF
Traci Pena and Matthew Puglia - RIDEM

The March 2009 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The first order of business was the review of the draft February 2009 meeting minutes.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes with minor amendments. Mr. White seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor, and as such, the motion passed.

The next item discussed was Examination Review Request. Mr. David Barlow, an operator from the W. Warwick WWTF was present at the meeting to contest two questions on the Grade 2 exam. Mr. Patenaude noted that Mr. Barlow sat for the December 2008 Grade 2 exam who received a score of 68. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the first contested question, which was related to the Board agreed that there was some ambiguity in the question.

Mr. White then made a motion to accept as correct the answer provided by Mr. Barlow and to revise the question on future exams. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all members voting in the affirmative, the motion passed.

Discussion followed regarding the second contested question.

Mr. Patenaude then made a motion to accept only the answer noted as correct on the exam answer key and no other answer. Mr. White seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

One point will be awarded to Mr. Barlow and again Mr. Patenaude extended his thanks to Mr. Barlow for taking the time to come in and review his exam. Mr. Barlow then exited the meeting.

The next item discussed was Regulation revisions, which will be tabled until a Board member representing education was on the Board.

At present time, there were no Boot Camp updates.

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

Mr. Patenaude motioned to invite the operator in question to the next meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Schock seconded the motion, all members present voted in the affirmative with the following roll call: Mr. White, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Patenaude and Mr. Schock.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the March 4, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor to seal the minutes with the following roll call: Mr. White, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Patenaude and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor to seal the minutes with the following roll call: Mr. White, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Patenaude and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

With no further business Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjournment. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Offices located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.