



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

Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2013

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

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

The first order of business was the review of the draft November 6, 2013 meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.

Attorney Schultz could not be present. Mr. Schultz did, however, send a brief update on a settlement issue.

The next item discussed were operator applications.

The first application to be reviewed was Wrigley Bynum who is employed at the Narragansett WWTF as a process control and pretreatment coordinator. He is seeking reciprocity from the State of Connecticut where he holds a Class 2 license. He is also seeking approval to sit for the Grade 3 exam. Mr. Schock abstained from discussion and vote.

After review, Mr. Patenaude motioned to issue a Grade 2 license through reciprocity and allow Mr. Bynum to sit for the Grade 3 exam. If successful he will be issued a Grade 3 if and when license. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion, all eligible members voted in approval. Mr. Schock abstained.

At the previous meeting, the Board offered to consider an advisory opinion for Mr. Mark Cataldo of the Cohasset WWTF (Massachusetts). The Board noted that to do so they would require a completed application and a letter from the City of East Providence offering him a position of assistant superintendent. The Board received a letter from Tom Azevedo offering him a position.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned that, if hired as assistant superintendent at the East Providence WWTF, the Board will issue Mr. Cataldo a Grade 4 OIT license for 3 years with the provision that in the absence of the superintendent, the City of East Providence would provide a Grade 4 license holder. During these three years in an OIT status, Mr. Cataldo would otherwise act in Direct Responsible Charge. At the end of 3 years, if that time was spent in good standing in DRC, Mr. Cataldo could then be issued a Grade 4 license. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, and Dr. Baldwin voted in favor of the motion. Messrs Schock and Desrosiers voted against the motion. With majority in favor, the motion passed.

The next discussion was a review of a draft Training Course Approval document provided by Mr. Patenaude.

After brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Schock to allow Boot Camp participants and the Operator Challenge team to be issued renewals at the Tier II level. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude asked that, in the current absence of a formal policy, the Board allow him the discretion to review courses that were submitted for the Tier II level for this renewal period.

Board members were in favor of this arrangement.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLynch. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.