



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
FACILITIES**

c/o RI DEM Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

**MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Brenda Cheaye, Paul Desrosiers, Michael Gray, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, and CJ Spellman

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Peter Connell and Scott Goodinson, RICWA  
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq, Traci Pena and Matt Puglia,  
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Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The first order of business was the introduction of the newest Board member, Michael Gray from the Town of Jamestown. He will be representing the League of Cities and Towns.

Next was the review of the draft September 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

**After review, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Spellman seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Spellman, Mr. Desrosiers, Ms. Cheaye, Mr. McLynch, and Mr. Patenaude voting in the affirmative. Mr. Gray abstained as he was not at the September meeting.**

The next item discussed was the draft Regulations update. They have been submitted to the Office of Regulator Reform for final approval. The Regulations will then be submitted to the Secretary of State's office and then finalized after 20 days.

**Mr. Patenaude then motioned to convene into executive session per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4) to discuss matters of potential criminal or civil misconduct. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Ms. Cheaye, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Patenaude all voting in the affirmative.**

Messrs. Connell and Goodinson left the meeting.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the October 6, 2021 executive session meeting minutes. Ms. Cheaye seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Ms. Cheaye, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Gray and Mr. Spellman all voting in the affirmative.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to reconvene into an open meeting. Ms. Cheaye seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Ms. Cheaye,**

**Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Spellman all voting in the affirmative.**

Messers Connell and Goodinson returned to the meeting.

Next to be discussed was new business. Mr. Patenaude met with DEM's legislative liaison, Ryan Mulcahey, regarding revisions to the Board's statute. The Board will review and submit recommendations. Mr. Patenaude will review and add to the next agenda and invite Mr. Mulcahey to the next meeting.

Mr. Patenaude gave a Boot Camp update.

Next to be discussed was Training Course approvals. After discussion the following motions were made:

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the NEWEA: Residual & Biosolids Annual conference for 2.5 training credits. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Mr. Gray motioned to approve the American Ground Water Trust's New England PFAS Webinar for 3.5 training credits. Ms. Cheaye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

The Board was given an August 2021 exam update.

The Board then extended Congratulations to Mr. Goodinson for becoming the new Vice President elect of NEWEA.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. With all members voting in approval, the motion passed.**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in person at DEM 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. All are invited to attend.