

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

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

Others in Attendance:Pat McShane and Zachary Brisson, E. Providence WWTF
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq. and Traci Pena – RIDEM

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

At 9:30, the meeting was called to order.

The Board reviewed draft June 18, 2019 special regulatory meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the June 18th minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.

The Board then reviewed the draft July 3rd meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the July 3rd meeting minutes. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.

The next item reviewed was a request for examination question contestation. As a result of a review of Mr. Zachary Brisson's Grade 1 exam, taken on May 21, 2019, the Board reviewed an exam question, which Mr. Brisson contested. Messers. McShane and Brisson came before the Board to explain the answer provided by Mr. Brisson.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to award a point to Mr. Brisson, bringing his score to 70, as Mr. Brisson did provide enough evidence of why he answered the question as he had. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. Messrs. McLynch, Patenaude, and Schock voted in the affirmative. Mr. Desrosiers voted nay. With the majority of members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Messers. McShane and Brisson left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Patenaude 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: Paul Desrosiers, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock voting in the affirmative. After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to send Mr. Dulmaine a letter inviting him to the next meeting to gain more insight on the matter. Mr. Schock seconded. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the August 7, 2019 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with following roll call: Paul Desrosiers, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock voting in the affirmative.

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

The next item discussed was an update on the request for oral examination from the Narragansett Bay Commission for Nigel Yattaw.

After discussion, Mr. Schock motioned to move approval to grant Mr. Yattaw an oral examination subject to question and answer form and to have Dr. Baldwin, Mr. Patenaude, and Mr. McLynch proctor the exam. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Mr. Desrosiers abstained.

Mr. Patenaude provided the monthly update regarding the superintendent of the Quonset facility, which was satisfactory.

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn. Mr. McLynch seconded. All members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.

The next meeting regarding the Regulation Revisions will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 2:00 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.