



# BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

**Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Traci Pena, RIDEM  
Melissa Orpen-Tuz, RIDOH (awaiting appointment for Board membership as the designee of the DOH Director)  
Scott Goodinson, Warwick WWTF  
Kathy Perez, S. Kingstown WWTF

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Mr. Patenaude reviewed items that the Board and members of the profession had identified for consideration. He also stated that the Board must also follow R.I. Gen Laws Chapter 42-17.

The Board reviewed Rule 5.4 (Definitions). Specific definitions were flagged for possible edits to clarify meanings. Mr. Schock also provided a summary of possible edits he would like to explore. Mr. Desrosiers noted earlier discussions regarding the process for examinations reviewed. He did not feel as though Grade 3 and 4 examinees should be able to review the exam in the manner that is currently practiced.

Mr. Goodinson also commented that there be language to address those who need to take the examination orally and rooms are ADA accessible.

Another suggestion would be to clarify and make consistent in Rule 5.6 which sciences the Board would consider when considering college studies.

Items flagged for future consideration:

- Consideration of language that could better address supervision/union member relationships
- The definition of Direct Responsible Charge
- Explore the use of language from the Association of Boards of Certification
- Adding requirements that communities/facilities contact the Board prior to hiring upper-level managers so that the Board can provide a review of licensure levels, etc.
- The possible need for sunset dates on exams and courses when individuals no longer work in the wastewater field
- Re-examining the need to require mandator training for renewals

**At 4:00 Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn. Mr. Schock seconded. All members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd, 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 April 17th, at 2:00 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.