



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

Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2012

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

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM
Greg Schultz, Esq. Rhode Island Attorney General's Office

Mr. Patenaude called the June 6, 2012 meeting to order.

The first order of business was the review of the draft May 2, 2012 open meeting minutes. After review, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the minutes with changes to grammatical errors; Mr. Schock seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed.

The next order of business was the closed Executive Session minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting. After brief discussion Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes with minor amendments. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. With all eligible members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item discussed was an application from Mr. David A. Salvador who is requesting a Grade 4 license through reciprocity. Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that based on the applicants experience, the Board could issue a Grade 3 Operator in Training certificate. Mr. Patenaude explained that though the Board could consider his Grade 6 exam in Massachusetts towards our exam, our regulations still require that he has 5 full years of experience. Since Mr. Salvador's operator experience began in February of 2009, he will be eligible for a full Grade 3 in February of 2014, assuming that he maintains a position in wastewater operations and in direct responsible charge.

After brief discussion, Mr. Schock motioned to approve Mr. David Salvador's application for Grade 3 OIT through reciprocity, and eligible for upgrade to a full Grade 3 in February, 2014 should he remain in a position of direct responsible charge. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was an application from Mr. Joseph Gonyea, which had been approved at the previous Board meeting. According to the application, signed by Mr. Gonyea, an operator at the Zambarano WWTF, and Mr. Edward Rudigear, of the DOA facilities office, Mr. Gonyea is an operator at the Zambarano facility. While the application states that Mr. Gonyea performs many other supervisory duties, an inspection by DEM found that Mr. Gonyea had not yet fully transitioned into this new supervisory role, in part because DOA staff misunderstood the authority granted to do so by the Board with an issuance of a Provisional Grade 2 license at the previous meeting. Mr.

Patenaude noted that there was no evidence of deceit, but nevertheless suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Rudegear regarding the signing an application testifying to current duties when those duties, although planned, are not yet taking place.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to send a letter to Mr. Rudegear expressing general concern for timely and accurate information on applications. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. With all eligible member voted in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude then sought approval to send letters of commendation to those operators who participated in the NEWEA Operator Challenge Team, as well as team member Mr. Joe Crosby in particular for his invention of a tool to make daily operations safer and easier.

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to send letters of accommodation to the RI Operator Challenge Team. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. With all eligible members voted in favor, the motion passed.

Exam results were then discussed and reviewed.

The next item discussed were draft Regulations. Mr. Patenaude stated that as most amendments were agreed upon with the exception of training, he Patenaude would like to have a meeting at the end of the month to focus on training. Mr. Patenaude would be reaching out to the Board for available dates.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Schock, the motion passed with all members voting in favor.