



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

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

**Members in Attendance:** Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude and Jon Schock

**Others in Attendance:** Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

First, Mr. Patenaude acknowledged the passing of Carmine Goneconte, the superintendent at Narragansett Bay Commission for over 27 years. Mr. Patenaude read a letter to the Board that he had drafted to Carmine's wife Cheryl expressing the Board's condolences. All Board agreed to send the letter.

Next, the Board reviewed the draft October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Ms. Forgue and Mr. Kurdziel abstained as they were not at the October meeting.**

Mr. Patenaude then informed the Board that, per the October meeting, he has not received information from the Town of West Warwick regarding a mailing for Grade 4 license holders to send information regarding a job posting for the superintendent position at the West Warwick WWTF.

**Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session to discuss issues regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operator related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock voting in the affirmative.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve a Grade 1 Summer 2016 examinee a passing Grade 1 OIT. The letter would state that there was a delay in issuance because the application was both incomplete and partly in error. The approval will also state that a full Grade 1 license would be issued after one full year of employment in operations. The individual would have to submit evidence of up to one complete year in operations**

due to various assignment within his organization. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the November 2, 2016 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Patenaude then updated the Board on the draft Regulations. He has received guidance from the Secretary of State Office that they would be streamlining all regulations.

A course, entitled “Chemical Feed Pumps 101” was reviewed. The Board needed additional information to determine credit approval. The course discussion was tabled pending further information.

All other matters were tabled.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 9:30 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.