



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Members in Attendance: Dr. Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Frank McLynch, Melissa Orpen-Tuz, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Paul Brouillette, The Rhode Island Interlocal Trust
Bernie Bishop and Mike Bedard, W. Warwick WWTF
Traci Pena, RIDEM
Greg Schultz, Esq., RI Attorney General's Office

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

At 9:35, the meeting was called to order.

After review, Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes as amended. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Desrosiers abstained as he was not present at the April meeting.

The Board then reviewed the April 3rd, 2019 draft executive session meeting minutes.

After review, Dr. Baldwin motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Schock abstained as he had reused himself from the executive session and Mr. Desrosiers also abstained as he was not present at the April meeting.

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. Dr. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Schock, Dr. Baldwin, Ms. Orpen-Tuz, Mr. Desrosiers, and Mr. McLynch voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Schock recused himself from the executive session and Mr. Patenaude recused himself from deliberations during executive session and left the meeting.

Mr. Desrosiers motioned to seal the May 1, 2019 executive session meeting minutes. Dr. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with following roll call: Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Frank McLynch and Melissa Orpen-Tuz voting in the affirmative.

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

Messrs. Schock and Patenaude returned to the meeting. Attorney Schultz left the meeting to attend a court appointment. The open session then broke for a 5-minute recess.

The next item discussed was the matter of the West Warwick Assistant Superintendent position.

After discussion, Mrs. Orpen-Tuz motioned to request further information related to a timeline provided to the Board from Mr. Peter Eldridge, the superintendent at the West Warwick Treatment Facility during the time in question of 2009 and 2010, and then to allow Mr. Patenaude to accept administratively the written notification of Mr. Eldridge to add to time served for Direct Responsible Charge for Mr. Michael Bedard. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item for discussion was a review of training courses. Paul Brouillette from the Rhode Island Interlocal Trust presented information on five new classes:

1. Trenching Competent Person – 3.5 hours
2. Electrical & Lockout/Tagout Training - 2.5 hours
3. Hoisting and Rigging Safety Training- 4 Hours
4. Confined Space Entry Training – 4 Hours
5. Work Zone Flagger Certification – 4 Hours

Mr. Schock noted that the classes appeared to be worthwhile but that they did not meet the intent of the Board's Training Guidance. Mr. Desrosiers noted that if courses are OSHA mandated, they should not be eligible for Tier credits.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Courses 2, 3 and 4 for the stated hours and to deny Courses 1 and 5. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. Messrs. Desrosiers, Schock and Dr. Baldwin voted nay; Messrs. Patenaude, McLynch and Mrs. Orpen-Tuz voted in the affirmative. The motion was stayed pending a legal determination of a tie vote.

Mr. Patenaude updated the Board that per prior Board approval, he had administratively approved the NEIWPCC course "Sampling at a Wastewater Treatment Facility" for 3 hours.

Next item reviewed were the April 17th, 2019 Regulation meeting minutes.

After review Mr. Schock motioned to accept the minutes and dedicate future special meetings to those identified topics listed in the minutes. Mr.

McLynch seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor. Mr. Desrosiers and Dr. Baldwin abstained as they were not at the meeting.

The Board then reviewed the required monthly update from Quonset WWTF and noted it as satisfactory.

The next item discussed was the issuance of honorary license for Paul Nordstrom, the former Executive Director of NBC who has retired.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to grant the honorary license to Mr. Nordstrom. Mr. Schock seconded. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Mr. Desrosiers abstained.

In new business, Mr. Patenaude noted that three past Boot Camp graduates have been promoted recently to managerial positions:

- Dylan Chase has been promoted to superintendent at the New Shoreham WWTF.
- Anthony Turchetta has been hired as Woonsocket's assistant superintendent, and
- Marcelo Taveira has been hired as Newport's assistant superintendent.

Mr. Desrosiers announced that Mike Spring, the instructor for the NEIWPCC Basic Course is no longer an employee of NBC.

Also, the NWPCA Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 14th at the Potowomut Golf Club.

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn. Mr. Schock seconded. All members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.

The next meeting regarding the Regulation Revisions will be scheduled for May 15th, at 2:00 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.