

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

MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

Members in Attendance: Dr. Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desateul and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The first order of business was the review of the draft March 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

After review, of the March 6, 2014 minutes Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct and settlement. Mr. Shock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude did not participate in the discussion and left the room.

Mr. Schock motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Schock.

Mr. Patenaude returned to the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Desrosiers to approve a draft Settlement Agreement and Letter of Deficiency as attached and amended to the April 2, 2014 executive session minutes as shown on the agreement and to allow Mr. Kurdziel to sign and all documents relating to this matter on behalf of the Board. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The following roll call rendered approval by: Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Kurdziel and Dr. Baldwin while Mr. Schock voted nay. As such the motion passed.

Mr. Schock motioned to seal the April 2, 2014 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Schock.

The next item discussed were application reviews. The Board received an application from a Nathan Boiros who is seeking Grade 3 reciprocity from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Boiros is employed at Veiola, NA of Fall River and has been offered a position

at the NBC–Field’s Point facility as an O&M Supervisor. In his previous employment at the Fall River facility, Mr. Boiros has gained 2 years in Direct Responsible Charge and approximately 10 years in operations. The Board’s Regulations require a 3 years in Direct Responsible Charge for a full Grade 3 license, and so an OIT license will be required. Mr. Patenaude is awaiting word on confirming employment in Fall River and Mr. Boiros’s Massachusetts license.

After discussion Mr. Patenaude motioned that pending proof of appropriate licensure in Massachusetts, the Board will approve Mr. Boiros’s and issue a Grade 3 OIT to expire in January 2015. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members eligible voted in favor, as such the motion passed. Mr. Desrosiers abstained.

The next discussion was Regulation revisions. After brief discussion, the Board asked Mr. Patenaude to provide a revised version for the May meeting.

The Training Guide document was reviewed and discussed. After brief discussion, the Board asked Mr. Patenaude to provide a revised version for the May meeting.

In new business, the Board received an invitation from Davies Career and Technical School for a conference to be held on April 9th at their facility in Lincoln. Mr. Patenaude is unable to attend and would like to encourage someone from the Board to be present. Mr. Patenaude will

email the information so members can check their schedule.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. Mr. Schock seconded , with all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.