

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF  
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER  
SUPPLY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES  
(Pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 65 of the RIGLs)  
MINUTES March 18, 2005**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

**Romeo Mendes Bob Bozikowski**

**Mike Covellone**

**Stan Knox**

**Susan Licardi**

**Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone at 9:58 AM.**

**1. The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the consent agenda.**

**Motion by Stan Knox. Motion second**

**by Bob Bozikowski.**

**2. The Board reviewed and approved requests from Thomas Breggia and Albert Langella for reinstatement of their distribution licenses. Both operators had failed to renew within the six-month grace period stipulated in the State's regulations. The Board indicated that each operator should be reminded that another occurrence would not have the same end result. During discussion of this matter, the Board requested that the secretary investigate whether or not notification of renewal could be sent to the affected public water system superintendent so that future incidents could be avoided. Motion by**

**Stan Knox. Motion second by Romeo Mendes. Mike Covellone abstained from voting.**

**3. The Board reviewed and approved requests from Yousri Fam and David Melo to sit for the Grade 4 treatment and distribution exams respectively. Mr. Melo's approval was contingent upon the Board's verification of its ability to waive the "employed as of June 27, 1995" date cited in section 7.11.3 of the regulations. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Stan Knox.**

**4. The Board reviewed and approved a request from Robert Ferrari, P.E. for full Grade 1 Distribution and Grade 2 Treatment certifications. The Board felt that Mr. Ferrari's operating experience, which consisted of supervising the installation of drinking water treatment systems and then trouble shooting to insure proper operation was equivalent to that required of operators working at public water supply distribution and treatment facilities. Motion by Romeo Mendes. Motion second by Bob Bozikowski.**

**5. The Board again reviewed a request from Pawtucket Water Supply for approval of an online 10-hour construction safety course given by click safety. Although there was a concern regarding security, the Board felt that the course was worthwhile and would be approved for training contact hour credit. The Board voted to let operators' use the course for renewal credit provided a letter of completion from their superintendent was submitted. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Susan Licardi.**

**6. The Board reviewed and approved a request from Robert Cloutier**

to sit for the Grade 4 Distribution exam contingent upon verification of its ability to waive the “employed as of June 27, 1995” date cited in section 7.11.3 of the regulations. Motion by Romeo Mendes. Motion second by Stan Knox.

7. The Board reviewed and approved a request from Town of Glocester Public Works Director Alan Whitford for full VSS certification for operators Robert Dauphinais and Elizabeth DeCorte as both individuals had met mandatory experience requirements. Motion by Romeo Mendes. Motion second by Bob Bozikowski.

8. The Board reviewed a request from Ariana Johnson of the RI Economic Policy council for issuance of training contact hours for a course titled Balancing Water Availability and Local Land Use Planning in the Lower Blackstone River Valley. The Board voted to award two (2) training contact hours for completion of the course. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Stan Knox.

9. The Board reviewed a request from Thomas Degan of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for issuance of training contact hours for a course titled Operation of a Hydraulic Boom Truck. The Board voted to approve the course pending submission of a summary detailing the exact breakdown. Motion by Stan Knox. Motion second by Romeo Mendes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07AM.

---

**Romeo N. Mendes, P.E. Secretary**