

**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 December 10, 2004

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Romeo Mendes Susan Licardi

Don Iannazzi Robert Bozikowski

Stan Knox Mike Covellone

Patrick Hughes

Others: Kevin Fitta, KCWA

Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone at 10:02 AM.

1. The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the consent agenda with the exception of items 2 and 5. Upon beginning discussion of the two items it was determined that item 2 would be handled as a separate matter and that item 5 could be approved with the rest of the consent agenda as long as the KCWA training contact hour approval included a notation that operators must strictly adhere to the requirements of Section 11.5 of the Drinking Water Operator Rules and Regulations. Motion by Robert Bozikowski. Motion second by Patrick Hughes

2. The Board unanimously approved Kevin Fitta's request for Grade 3 Distribution certification based on the fact that he had achieved a

passing score on an ABC exam comparable to the one given in Rhode Island and the information presented in his job description. The Board noted that the bulk of Mr. Fitta's responsibilities pertained to engineering duties, which did not require certification; however, it appeared that at present the 20 % requirement to work in the area of certification was being met and consequently the request would be approved. The Board further indicated that Mr. Fitta 's duties would be reviewed upon application for renewal to determine whether or not certification as a drinking water operator was still required. Motion by Stan Knox. Motion second by Don Iannazzi and Patrick Hughes.

3. The Board considered a request from Darlene Capuano of Earth Tech/Pawtucket Water Supply for approval of Beacon Mutual's on-line 10 Hour construction safety course. The Board was concerned about the mechanism used to track completion of the course and also that the interaction commonly existing between instructors and attendees at traditional courses would be missing for such a session. As a result the Board tabled the item until it had the opportunity to go through the course. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Stan Knox. Romeo Mendes abstained from voting.

4. The Board unanimously voted to deny requests from Nancy Kurowski and Susan Mercer of the Lincoln Water Commission for renewal and license upgrades respectively. Based on the information provided the Board concluded that at present neither Ms. Kurowski nor Ms. Mercer had been assigned duties that allowed them to meet the definition of an operator and therefore neither was required to be certified. The Board indicated both individuals could resubmit their

requests in the event the requisite duties were assigned in the future. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Stan Knox. Romeo Mendes abstained from voting.

5. The Board unanimously voted to issue certifications to all approved individuals obtaining passing scores during the State's last round of testing. Motion by Stan Knox. Motion Second by Don Iannazzi.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42AM. Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Bozikowski. Motion second by Patrick Hughes.

Romeo N. Mendes, Secretary