

**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 June 9, 2006**

**Board Members In Attendance:**

**Mario Carlino**

**Mike Covellone**

**Patrick Hughes**

**Susan Licardi      June Swallow**

**Others: Stan Knox, Dana McCants Derisier**

**Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone, Chairperson at 10:05 AM.**

**1. Mike Covellone welcomed Mario Carlino to the Board replacing Stan Knox, as the new representative of business or industry. Stan Knox was thanked for his service of eleven years on the Board as the Vice Chairperson and the representative of business or industry. The need for a new secretary was discussed as Romeo Mendes recently resigned as secretary of the Board and left his position at the Department of Health. Mario Carlino told the Board about his employment with New England Gas Company for the past twenty years and his involvement with the Division of Management for Professional Development of New England Gas Company employees.**

**He explained that the certification requirements for gas company**

technicians are similar to operator certification and that he has been involved in training and the professional development of gas company technicians.

2. The Board held the annual election of officers. Mike Covellone asked for nominations for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. The Board voted unanimously to elect new officers. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mike Covellone.

- Chairperson: Patrick Hughes nominated Mike Covellone to remain as chairperson. Motion by Patrick Hughes. Motion second by Susan Licardi.

- Vice Chairperson: Mike Covellone nominated Patrick Hughes to take position of vice chairperson. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by Susan Licardi.

- Secretary: Mike Covellone nominated June Swallow to take position of secretary. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by Patrick Hughes.

3. Patrick Hughes wanted a follow-up response to the March 3, 2006 minutes concerning John Galasso. June Swallow and Dana McCants Derisier explained that since the Board previously denied Mr. Galasso's request for reinstatement of his Distribution 2 and Treatment 2 drinking water operator licenses, Mr. Galasso took the operator certification exams in April 2006 and passed both exams. Mr. Galasso has two new licenses. Currently, Mr. Galasso is not working for Block Island Water Company. After this brief explanation, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda. Motion by Mike Covellone. Motion second by Patrick Hughes.

4. The Board reviewed and approved the March and April 2006 treatment and distribution exam results. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mario Carlino. The Board discussed the low exam scores on the April 2006 exam. The Board suggested that the low scores may be due to problems with understanding the ABC standardized exam questions and/or some operators not having English as their first language. Mike Covellone suggested that a subcommittee could be formed to review the questions on the ABC exam as was done in the past.

5. The Board reviewed and approved the July 2006 treatment and distribution exam applications. Recommendation for Secretary to approve in-coming applicants received by June 25, 2006 without further Board review. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by Susan Licardi.

6. The Board approved the requests for full certification by the following individuals as all have met mandatory experience requirements:

- Joseph S. Bastic, IV DO Class 3 Certification Lincoln Water Commission
- Christine Griffith DO Class 1 Certification & TO Class 1 Certification N. Kingstown Water
- Alan Razukiewicz DO Class 2 Certification Pawtucket Water Supply Board
- The Board reviewed and denied the request for DO Class 3 Full Certification by Michael Proulx of Pawtucket Water Supply Board. Mr. Proulx does not have the additional two (2) years full-time experience

after obtaining the DO Class 2 full certification. He will meet the requirement on November 18, 2006. The Board stated that he can make a request for full certification next year.

**Motion by Mike Covellone. Motion second by Patrick Hughes.**

7. The Board requests that a letter from the Secretary would be sent to all operators that are in training. The letter will state that these individuals may request full certification from the Board after meeting the requirements in the regulations. The letter will explain that requests for full certification must include: a letter from the operator's supervisor on the system letterhead stating the operator's work experience, operator's current license(s) and how the operator satisfies the requirements. The Board asked that the Secretary verify the work experience of Alan Razukiewicz at the Pawtucket Water Supply Board. **Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mario Carlino.**

8. The Board reviewed and approved a request from Susan Rabideau of the Department of Health for approval of 2.0 training contact hours for a Stage 2DBPR & LT2ESWTR: IDSE Standard Monitoring webcast. **Motion by Patrick Hughes. Motion second by Susan Licardi.**

9. The Board reviewed and approved a request from JoAnn McIntyre of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for approval of 4.0 training contact hours per session for the Beacon Mutual Insurance Confined Space Training Seminar. Also, the Board discussed the Renewal requirements as specified in section 11.5 of the regulations. Operators must be aware of the required training contact hours in each area. **Motion by Patrick Hughes. Motion second by Mike**

**Covellone.**

**10. The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to deny a request from Robert Palazzo of the Providence Water Supply Board concerning his ABC Distribution 4 exam result of 68% in April 2006. Based on his thirty year work experience with Providence Water, courses attended for certification, and a degree in business management, Mr. Palazzo wanted the Board to award him the two points that he needed to obtain the passing score of 70%. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by June Swallow.**

**11. The Board unanimously voted to table the discussion of certified contract operators working for small systems in RI. The Board will address this issue at the next meeting. Before the next meeting, June Swallow, Dana McCants Derisier, Mario Carlino, and Bob Bozikowski will meet to develop guidelines for small system owners in hiring contract operators. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by June Swallow.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.**