

**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 October 5, 2007

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Don Iannazzi	Patrick Hughes
Bob Bozikowski	June Swallow
Susan Licardi	Mario Carlino

Others: Dana McCants Derisier

Meeting was called to order by Patrick Hughes, Vice Chairperson at 10:14 AM.

1. Don Iannazzi moved that the June 8, 2007 meeting minutes be approved. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Bob Bozikowski. Motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- The Board reviewed and approved the July 2007 treatment and distribution exam results.
- The Board reviewed and approved the November 2007 treatment and distribution exam applications.

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

- James Mulcahey, Jr. TO Class VSS Certification RI Welcome Center
- Raymond Blain DO Class 2 Certification Pawtucket Water Supply Board

The Board reviewed and approved the following course request:

- Dana McCants Derisier of the Department of Health approved for 1.75 tch's: O & M Changes to Improve Security at Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Water Environmental Federation webcast.
3. The Board reviewed and approved James Majewski's request for reciprocity for the Grade 2 Distribution Full Certification. At the previous meeting, the Board tabled Mr. Majewski's request for a Grade 3 Distribution Full Certification, as additional information was needed to act on this item. June Swallow informed the Board that Mr. Majewski intends to be the primary operator for Johnston Water Facility, which is a Grade 2 Treatment facility. The Board granted the request based on the supporting documents and his operator assignment at Johnston Water Facility. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

4. The Board reviewed the request from Joseph Costa for a college course to qualify for Grade 4 Full Treatment Certification. The Board tabled the request for the next meeting, as additional information was needed to act on this item based on Sections (12.14)(12.15)(12.16) of the Operator Certification Regulations. The Secretary will request that Mr. Costa submits the following information: course syllabus, description of the course from the college catalogue or the website, and the level of the course based on the college curriculum. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.
5. The Board reviewed and approved Mary Hamisevicz's request for reciprocity for a VSS Full Certification. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.
6. The Board reviewed the request from Mark Mooshian of California State University, Sacramento for credits for video series and on-line courses training courses. Mr. Mooshian also requests additional credits for existing approved small water system courses. In general, the Board discussed the need for an educational sub-committee to look at the course/program requests outside the meeting times so that the Board can make decisions based on expert advice. The Board tabled the request for the next meeting. The Secretary will ask other states about their criteria for approval of on-line courses, the video series, and the small water system course. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
7. The Board reviewed the request from Julia Fergie for credits for an Expert Panel Meeting at Newport Water Department. The Board had questions concerning the subject matter taught by the experts and the educational value for the operators who attended the Meeting. June Swallow pointed out that Newport Water had the Meeting because they are having issues with lead and other contaminants. This meeting was about a pilot project aimed at applying a treatment technique with experts presenting pertinent information to Newport Water's operations. Based on this information and the submitted materials. Motion by June Swallow to deny the request. Motion second by Susan Licardi. Patrick Hughes abstained from the motion. Don Iannazzi stated that based upon the presented information, he questions whether this Meeting was a "scientific think tank" to address a problem or an overview of the state of Newport Water versus an educational seminar. Mario Carlino stated that he would like the experts to submit specific documentation on the subject matter and the specific hours spent on each subject. Motion to withdraw the denial by Mario Carlino. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. The Board tabled the request for the next meeting. The Secretary will request that the Julia Fergie and the experts submit documents specifying the subject matter and the specific hours spent on each subject. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
8. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Robert Ferrari for 4.0 credits from an Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association course that he conducted. The Board discussed the following: Mr. Ferrari, as a professional engineer, who developed and conducted the course is entitled to receive credit for the course. Don Iannazzi and Patrick Hughes stated that it is a standard practice in professional licensing for instructors to receive credit for the course that they conducted and that the credit be granted only once per course. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Bob Bozikowski abstained from the motion. Motion carried.
9. The Board reviewed and denied the request from Gregory Campo for 5.0 credits for the Seacoast Supply, Inc. course. The course did not meet the requirements as stated in Section (12.2.4) of the Operator Certification Regulations. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

10. Other Business:

- The Board moved to review June Swallow's submittal of documentation from contract operators conducting contract operator work in RI. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Susan Licardi. Motion carried.
 - The Board moved to discuss the reinstatement of Wayne Matteson's operator certification. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Susan Licardi. Don Iannazzi recused himself from the motion and left the room. Motion carried.
11. The Board had a brief discussion of the situation the occurred at Narragansett Water Department that resulted in the six months suspension of Wayne Matteson's operator certification. The Board determined that Wayne Matteson met the requirement for reinstatement of his certification. Motion to reinstate Wayne Matteson's operator certification by June Swallow. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

Mario Carlino moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mario Carlino. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.



June Swallow, P.E. Secretary