

**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 January 11, 2008

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Don Iannazzi Bob Bozikowski

June Swallow Mike Covellone

Mario Carlino

Others: Dana McCants Derisier

Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone, Chairperson at 1:05PM.

1. Don Iannazzi moved that the October 5, 2007 meeting minutes be approved. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Bob Bozikowski. Motion carried.
2. In the Consent Agenda, Mike Covellone had a question concerning William Descoteaux's request for a Distribution 3 Full License. This request needs further review by the Board. Don Iannazzi moved to amend the Agenda to include Mr. Descoteaux's request. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mike Covellone. Motion carried.
3. The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda. Motion by Mike Covellone. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

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

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

- Mike Stewart TO Class 1 Certification & DO Class 1 Certification Northeast Water Solutions
- Manny Periquito DO Class 1 Certification East Providence Water Dept.
- Nuno Araujo DO Class 1 Certification East Providence Water Dept.
- Roger Fortune DO Class VSS Certification Harmony Hill School
- Roger Lalonde DO Class 1 Certification Woonsocket Water Dept.
- David DaSilva TO Class 3 Certification Bristol County Water Authority
- George Melellu DO Class VSS Certification Mohegan Water Assoc.
- Larry Comtois DO Class VSS Certification Mohegan Water Assoc.
- James Dean TO Class 3 Certification Providence Water Supply Board
- Edmond Paolino TO Class 3 Certification Providence Water Supply Board

The Board reviewed and approved the following course request:

- Dana McCants Derisier of the Department of Health - HEALTH Water System Regional Regulatory Meetings approved for 1.0 TCH.
4. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Raymond Raposa, New England Water Works, Association, for 1.0 TCH per training segment at Joint Monthly Meeting. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
 5. The Board reviewed and denied the request from Daniel J. McKee, Mayor of Cumberland, for reinstatement of Alan Brodd's certifications. The superintendent of the Cumberland Water Department must be a certified drinking water operator for both treatment and distribution, both full level 3 licenses. Although Mr. Brodd is a PE, he has never possessed a full public water supply operator's license to operate the Cumberland Water Department. He does not have the necessary experience in operating a water system to be granted a full license. Additionally, he did not maintain his operator-in-training status, and he did not demonstrate completion of the necessary continuing education requirements. The Board recommends that Mr. Brodd retake the exams, which are offered in April 2008 and obtain a passing grade. Then, acquire the necessary operating experience to obtain full certification. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by June Swallow. Motion carried.
 6. The Board reviewed and approved Paul McNeil's request for reciprocity for a VSS Full Certification. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mike Covellone. Motion carried.
 7. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Peter Hanrahan, E.J. Prescott, Inc. for 5.5 TCH's for each of the following training seminars: Session 1: The Problem Solving Pipeline & Session 2: Ground Level Solutions. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
 8. The Board reviewed the RI General Laws Chapter 15-11.1-1 and 15.11.1-2(7) Professional License Suspension for Past Due Child Support. The Board confirmed that they will abide by this law and deny renewal of an operator's license if the court took action against an operator for past due child support.
 9. The Board reviewed and denied the request from Carol Lariviere, Superintendent Woonsocket Water Division, for a Full Distribution 3 Certification for William Descoteaux. Due to his job title and description of his duties, he does not meet the requirement of a Full Distribution 3 operator as stated in Section 1.18 and Section 7.9.2 of the Operator Certification Rules and Regulations. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by June Swallow. Motion carried.

10. Other Business:

The Board discussed a need to address the following issues as it pertains to the Operator Certification Rules and Regulations:

- Clarify when an operator is considered an operator with regard to experience at the water system vs. acquiring a certification.
- Continuity of language in the sections pertaining to the certification requirements.

The Board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Don Iannazzi moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mike Covellone. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05PM.



June Swallow, P.E. Secretary