

**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 13, 2009

In Attendance:

Board Members: Present

Absent:

Patrick Hughes, Mike Covellone

Don Ianazzi

Bob Bozikowski, June Swallow

Mario Carlino

Susan Licardi

Others: Steven Boudreau

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

Chairperson, Mike Covellone opened the table to nominations for annual election of Board members.

Nominations: Chairperson – Mike Covellone

Motion by Patrick Hughes. Second by Susan Licardi

All in favor – non opposed – motion carried

Vice Chairperson – Patrick Hughes

Motion by Susan Licardi. Second by Bob Bozikowski

All in favor – non opposed – motion carried

Secretary – June Swallow

Motion by Patrick Hughes. Second by Susan Licardi

All in favor – non opposed – motion carried

The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda. Motion by Patrick Hughes. Second by Susan Licardi. All in favor – non opposed - motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

•The Board reviewed and approved the April 2009 treatment and distribution exam requests.

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

- Robert Doire, Grade 1 Distribution, Woonsocket**
- Bruce Burlingame, Grade 3 Treatment, Woonsocket**
- Edward Labonte, Grade 3 Treatment, Woonsocket**
- David Bowley, Grade 1 Distribution & Treatment, Portsmouth**
- Chad Vierra, Grade 2 Distribution, Stone Bridge**
- Shawn Carr, Grade 2 Distribution, Pawtucket**

The Board reviewed and approved the following course request:

•Yousri Fam TCH credits submitted for Design of Machine Elements, UMASS & Advanced Engineering mathematics, UMASS.

The Board reviewed and approved a request from John Merluzzo of Beverly Hills Water System for reciprocity for Grade 2 Treatment & Grade 3 Distribution. Based on documentation provided June

Swallow motioned to grant reciprocity as requested. Second by Susan Licardi.

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

The Board reviewed and denied request from Steven Gianfrocco of Providence Water for certification upgrade from Treatment 3 OIT to full certification status. Discussion ensued regarding the licensees job description and lack of full time experience per 7.8.2of the rules and regulations. Motion to deny request by Patrick Hughes. Second by Susan Licardi. Mike Covellone recused himself.

All others in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved request of license reinstatement by Michael Romano, license # F200545D, D2 Full Certification. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Romano's duties as a circuit rider. B. Bozikowski explained that the licensee is a circuit rider who works with systems of 10,000 in population or less. J. Swallow noted that reinstatement is also renewal and questioned the 20% job performance requirement. B. Bozikowski that as a circuit rider Mr. Romano does meet the requirement. Motion to grant approval by Patrick Hughes. Second by Susan Licardi.

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved request from Todd Smith and James Smith of Wawaloam for reinstatement of grandfathered licenses. It was noted that the licensees have not yet fulfilled the TCH

requirement for renewal though they are registered for April 2009 courses that would fulfill the requirement. Motion by June Swallow to grant provisional approval until the next board meeting contingent upon documentation of the TCH requirement being met. Second, Patrick Hughes.

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved request by Kerry Andrade for reinstatement of license # 9100545D. Motion by Patrick Hughes. Second Bob Bozikowski. Mike Covellone recused himself.

All others in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved request for TCH approval of NEWWA Spring Joint Conference and Exhibition as submitted at 2TCH per session. M. Covellone noted he believed the previous blanket approval covered the request. Motion to approve by bob Bozikowski. Second by June Swallow.

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

Other Business:

- The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Leon Millis explaining the duty and staffing needs required by Richmond Water. Letter was submitted with regard to B. Bozikowski request for guidance from the board regarding their stance on the full time requirement for license upgrade from operator in training to full certification status. B.

Bozikowski has a degree and 1 year fulltime experience is required for the upgrade. P. Hughes noted that a president has been set by the board for granting licenses to operators of systems where the staffing needs require less than 40 ours per week. The board agreed to send a formal letter in the future addressing the inquiry to B. Bozikowski after further future discussion about the “full-time” requirement and as a matter of record.

Further discussion ensued about the definition of “Full- time”. Suggestions for future review included: Setting standards for level 1certifications or higher, assessment of a systems size and complexity and treatment vs. distribution needs. J. Swallow suggested that the issue be tabled until the next meeting when the board could review a list of currently licensed systems and classifications and that contact could be made with ABC to see if they can offer guidance.

- June informed the board that the Office of Drinking Water Quality had received and was pursuing anonymous allegations regarding the possible misrepresentation of education level for a licensed operator with Pawtucket Water. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.**

- No other business**

**Motion by Patrick Hughes to adjourn. Second by Bob Bozikowski.
Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

June Swallow, P.E. Secretary