

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017
10th Floor Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Michael Kyle Acting Chairman
Mary Roland
Curt Steffy
Ed Chescattie, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW)
John Cantwell, Board Counsel
Mary Zeigler, Acting Board Secretary, BSDW

Board Members Absent

Joseph Swanderski, Chairman
John Schombert
Rachel Brennan
Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary, BSDW

Non Board Members Present

Scott Sykes, BSDW
Shalini Lenka, BSDW
Jeff Allgyer, BSDW

Mr. Kyle called the conference call meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators (Board) to order at 10:03 AM.

Approval of April 12, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Chescattie requested amending the minutes summarizing Old and New Business. The third sentence should read: The decline is most likely due to a combination of retirements and operators working at multiple systems (circuit riders). Mr. Kyle requested to add PM after 12:38 in the last sentence. Mr. Kyle suggested that we revise the wording in the second to last paragraph to clarify how individual Board members voted. After discussion, the Board requested the following revised language, "Mr. Kyle motioned to grant the Department's Memorandum in Support of Petition for Reconsideration for Anthony Pipito. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Ms. Roland opposing. Ms. Brennan and Mr. Chescattie abstained because they were not Board Members at the time of the original hearing." Ms. Roland motioned to approve the April 12, 2017, minutes as amended. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of New and Upgrade Applications

The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. Ms. Roland motioned to issue licenses for all new and upgrade applications. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Reciprocity Requests

The following water reciprocity applications were presented to the Board:

Frankie Campagne – holds a Georgia Class 1 water certification that expires June 30, 2019. He has 19 years' experience at various class A facilities, in various locations, using subclasses 1,4,8,11,12,14 and distribution. He obtained his Georgia certification through reciprocity with Puerto Rico. The Board requested obtaining additional information about which exams were taken and the need to know criteria of the exams he took for his certification.

Without this additional information, the Board was not able to determine which subclasses were appropriate to grant. Additionally, the Board requested the status of his current license be verified. The Board recommended tabling this application for the next meeting until the additional information could be obtained and reviewed.

Randall Naugher – Holds a Rhode Island class 1 and 2 water license that expires April 18, 2018. He also holds Military discharge papers and served as a Water Treatment Specialist with 7 years and 10 months' experience. He has 2 years' experience at the Naval Station Newport/Fort Adams in distribution. According to his resume, he also worked for various other class A and B systems in the military using subclasses 6,8,9,12. The Board requested follow-through on a previous e-mail request to Rhode Island to obtain information verifying which exams were taken and the need to know criteria of these exams. Based on the additional information obtained, the Department's recommendation was to issue a WAE 6,8,9,12 certificate. Board approval was granted contingent on the additional information. Ms. Roland motioned to issue WAE 6,8,9,12 certificate. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Guy Poorman – holds a Colorado class A and certified water professional certification that expires September 31, 2018. He has 5 years, 4 months' experience at the City of Glenwood Springs which is a class A system using subclasses 1,8,11. Mr. Sykes was asked to provide additional information relative to criminal history report (CHR). Board approval was contingent on findings. Mr. Cantwell and Ms. Roland approved the CHR. The Department's recommendation is to issue a WA 1,8,11 certificate. Ms. Roland motioned to issue a WA 1,8,11 certificate. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The following Wastewater reciprocity applications were presented to the Board:

William Darling – holds a New York grade 4A wastewater certification that expires January 1, 2020. He has 8 years 9 months' experience at OCSC#1 Harriman STP wastewater system which is a class A system, using WW1 activated sludge. He also has 1 year 9 months' experience at the Cornwall STP systems using WW2 fixed film and WWE4 collections. Ms. Roland motioned to issue WWAE 1,2,4 certificate. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ian Anderson – holds a Massachusetts grade 6-C wastewater certification that expires December 31, 2017. He has 6 years and 4 months' experience at Devens BMS WWTP which is a class C system using WW1 activated sludge. Ms. Roland motioned to issue WWC1 certificate. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Frankie Campagne – holds a Georgia class 1 wastewater certification that expires June 30, 2019. He has 9 years' experience working at various class AE and BE facilities using WW1 activated sludge and WWE4 collections. The Board requested that Department staff obtain additional information regarding the exams taken and how they compare with Pennsylvania's subclasses, as well as verification of existing license. The Board recommended tabling this application for the next meeting until the additional information could be obtained and reviewed in order to accurately determine which subclasses could be granted.

Board Secretary Report

There were no extension requests to present to the Board.

Old and New Business

Mr. Chescattie presented new business regarding Chapter 302 Operator Certification Three-Year Review Fee package which he had presented at the December Board meeting. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) met regarding this fee package on June 20, 2017. Since Operator Certification did not propose fee increases or modification to the regulations, it did not require a vote by the EQB; however, it did require consideration. The EQB members had concerns about water or wastewater systems that do not have a properly certified operator. EQB questions included the following, "If there are still systems without operators, what are we doing about it, what type of water systems are they, and where are they located?" The Board discussed the EQB questions, and agreed this is an area for future discussion and consideration.

Mr. Cantwell suggested the Board should consider whether Orders be posted to the DEP website. The Board requested that this topic be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

Criminal History Report

There were no criminal history reports.

Yilek Consent Order

NWRO Clean Water Program Manager, Thomas Randis, provided a signed Consent Order for the Board via Cheri Sansoni. This CO&A specified that Mr. Joseph Yilek surrendered both his Pennsylvania water #W12067 and wastewater #S16924 licenses indefinitely. Mr. Yilek waives his right to a hearing and shall not apply for recertification. The Board acknowledged the findings of the CO&A, which will be added to the file for this individual.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Kyle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 AM