

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014
10th Floor Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Joseph Swanderski
Michael Kyle
Mary Roland
John Schombert
Dr. Ronald Neufeld
Curt Steffy
Phil Consonery, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW)
Cheri Sansoni, BSDW Board Secretary
William Shakely, Legal Counsel

Non Board Members Present

Steve Kozak, Policy Office
Scott Noldy, BSDW
Summer Sassaman, BSDW

Mr. Swanderski called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators (Board) to order at 10:06 AM.

Criminal History Report (CHR)

Ms. Sansoni presented the CHRs on behalf of the review committee regarding applicant client ID 308125, charged with firearms (Misdemeanor - M1) and manufacture of a controlled substance (Felony - F3) in 1994, and charged with recklessly endangering another person (M2), harassment ([Summary](#) - S2) simple assault (M2) in 1995. After some discussion, the review committee recommended that the Board approve certification for this applicant. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Client ID 308287 was charged with DUI in 2008 and charged with simple assault (M3) in 2010. The review committee recommended that the Board approve certification for this applicant. Mr. Steffy motioned to issue the license. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Client ID 309577 was charged with criminal mischief and reckless endangerment in 2003. The review committee recommended that the Board approve certification for this applicant. Ms. Roland motioned to issue the license. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of February 12, 2014 Minutes

Mr. Schombert motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of New, Upgrades and Reciprocity Applications

New & Upgrade Applications

Ms. Sansoni forwarded an application for Walter Jenko for the Board's evaluation. The Board agreed to award Mr. Jenko an operator-in-training letter. The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. Dr. Neufeld motioned to issue licenses for all new and upgrade applications on the Evaluation Summary Report. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Reciprocity Requests

The following reciprocity applications were presented to the Board.

Wastewater

Tod Schenck – Holds a Maryland wastewater 3 certification that expires 2/1/17. He has approximately 2 years' experience working at various class D facilities using collections WWE4 and activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWDE 1,4 certificate. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

George Osborne – Holds a Maryland wastewater W5, certification that expires 8/1/15. He has 3 years' experience working at Muddy Run WWTP, which is a Class D facility using activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWD1 certificate. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Christopher Cooper – Holds a New Jersey S1 and C1 public and collections wastewater certification that expires 9/30/14. He has 16 years' experience working at Raritan Twp. MUA, which is a class B facility using collections WWE4 and activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWBE 1,4 certificate. Mr. Swanderski motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Christopher Price – Holds a West Virginia Class S wastewater certification that expires 1/31/16. He has 4 years and 9 months of experience working a various class D facilities using activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWD1 certificate. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

William Deter – Holds an Ohio wastewater class II certification that expires 12/31/15. He has 6 years and 4 months of experience working at Ohio Valley Coal WTP, which is a class D facility using collections WWE4 and activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWDE 1,4 certificate. Ms. Roland motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mark Scowden – Holds a Washington wastewater plant operator group III plant license that expires 12/31/14. He has 8 years of experience working at a Class D facility and 7 years working at various class C facilities using collections WWE4 and activated sludge WW1.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWCE 1,4 certificate. Mr. Swanderski motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Water

George Osborne – Holds a Maryland water treatment T4, certification that expires 7/1/16. He has 3 years' experience working at Muddy Run WTP, which is a Class D facility using subclasses W7, W8, and W12.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WD 7,8,12 certificate. Mr. Steffy motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Joseph McNicol – Holds an Ohio water class I certification that expires 12/31/14. He has 23 years' experience working at East Liverpool Water Department, which is a class A facility using subclasses W1, W8, W12 and Distribution WE.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WAE 1,8,12 certificate. Mr. Steffy motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal

There were no denials to present to the Board.

Board Secretary Report

Ms. Sansoni presented the following extension requests:

William Ebert – He is requesting an extension of his WAE 7,8,11 water license, which expired on December 31, 2013. He completed 9 hours of the required 30 hours to renew. He is requesting an extension of his cycle due to multiple medical issues. Mr. Kyle motioned to approve an extension of his renewal cycle for six months until June 30, 2014. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Terry Shrout – He is requesting an extension of his WAE 1,7,8,11 water license, which expired on December 31, 2013. He completed 0 hours of the required 15 hours to renew. He is requesting an extension due to two family deaths and family medical issues that occurred in February 2012 and June 2013. Mr. Steffy motioned to deny the request for extension due to having ample time to complete the continuing education requirements despite the circumstances. Mr. Kyle seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Robert Bollinger – He is requesting an extension of his grandparented wastewater license, which expired on March 31, 2014. He completed 0 hours of the required 15 hours to renew. He is requesting an extension due to his own medical condition and a family medical issue. Mr. Swanderski motioned to approve a three month extension or until June 30, 2014. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Order and Agreement

The Board was presented with the Consent Order and Agreement for the surrender of Mr. Mark Ventresca's wastewater operator's certificate license number T2519. No action was taken by the Board.

The Board discussed the response letter the Board Chairman sent to the Governor and DEP Secretary to increase the complement to hire additional staff for the Operator Certification Program. No action was taken by the Board.

Scheitrum Petition Docket 2014-01

A petition was submitted by the Department's Southcentral Region to indefinitely suspend Mr. Daniel Scheitrum's water and wastewater certifications. The petitioner's counsel responded to the petition indicating intent to file an answer for a hearing. Mr. Shakely informed the Board members that this case may go to hearing. He asked the Board how they want to conduct the hearing: 1) use a subset of Board members; 2) hire an outside hearing officer – private attorney; or 3) use a Department lawyer not connected to the Board. It was decided a subset of the Board members will serve as hearing officers if a hearing is scheduled.

Old and New Business

As the Board's representative, Mr. Steffy volunteered to serve as the alternate committee member for Ms. Roland on the Small Systems Technical Assistance Committee (TAC).

Mr. Swanderski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 AM.