

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS**

**Board Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2015  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

Joseph Swanderski

**Non Board Members Present**

Roland Gensel, BSDW  
Scott Sykes, BSDW  
Dorena Tenaglia, BSDW  
Dawn Hissner, BSDW  
Mary Zeigler, BSDW

Mr. Swanderski was unable to attend, and Vice Chairman Kyle was requested to act as Board Chairman. Mr. Kyle called the conference call meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators (Board) to order at 10:02 AM.

**Criminal History Report (CHR)**

There were no criminal history reports to present to the Board.

**Approval of February 11, 2015 Minutes**

Mr. Kyle noted a typo in the first paragraph, first and third lines on page 4. "Hypochloride" should be "Hypochlorite." Ms. Roland motioned to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes as amended. Dr. Neufeld seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Approval April 15, 2015 Minutes**

Language inconsistencies were noted within the minutes. The Board requested that the minutes have the same format as the previous minutes. On the first page under Approval of New, Upgrades and Reciprocity Applications, the last sentence should read "the Board declined to consider his request." Ms. Roland motioned to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes with edits. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Approval of New and Upgrade and Reciprocity 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 on the Evaluation Summary Report. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Three water and two wastewater reciprocity applications were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Kyle gave an overview of each application and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments on the reciprocity applications. Mr. Schombert motioned to approve the reciprocity applications as presented. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Board Secretary Report**

Ms. Sansoni presented the following extension requests:

Sterlyn May holds a WDE 11-14 license that expired on March 31, 2015. He met his training requirement but did not complete the security training on time. He completed his security training on May 8, 2015. Mr. May is requesting a medical extension and provided medical documentation. Ms. Roland motioned that Mr. May receive the extension until May 8, 2015, the date he took the security training. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Jill Bulman holds a WDE 11-14 license that expired on March 31, 2015. She was four hours short of the 15 required hours. She took the security course on March 24, 2012, six days before the end of her prior cycle. She is requesting that the security training hours be moved to her current cycle. Ms. Roland made a motion to deny the request to move the security training credits to her current cycle. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Patricia Ackerman holds a WBE 11-14 license that expired on March 31, 2015. She took 11 hours of her 30 required hours. She completed her remaining hours on May 19, 2015. Ms. Ackerman is requesting an extension for family medical issues and has provided documentation. Mr. Steffy made a motion to extend the certification until May 19, 2015, the date she completed the remaining training hours. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Edward Christman holds a WDE 11-14 license that expired on March 31, 2015. He had 0 hours of training and no security training. He is requesting an extension because of issues surrounding an irreconcilable divorce and provided no documentation. Ms. Roland made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Peter Smith holds a WBE 11-14 license that expired on March 31, 2015 and a WWAE 1-4 license that will expire on June 30, 2015. He has completed his security training and has taken 14 of the 30 required training hours. Mr. Smith is requesting a medical extension for both licenses and has provided medical documentation. Mr. Schombert made a motion that for documented health reasons the extension would be granted until July 31, 2015. Dr. Neufeld seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Treatment Process Crosswalk**

Dawn Hissner, BSDW Operations Section Chief, presented background information on the treatment process crosswalk from the PA Drinking Water Information System (PADWIS) to eFACTS. The crosswalk is used to determine the certification subclasses required for each public water system (PWS). PADWIS is the enterprise data system used to track the various details for PWSs. Each night, PADWIS updates eFACTS by transferring information necessary to implement the Operator Certification Program for PWSs. However, there are data gaps within the treatment process crosswalk that cause some PWSs to be identified with incorrect certification treatment subclasses. This has resulted in some operators being inappropriately certified for the water system(s) they are operating.

BSDW staff have been working with Bureau of Information Technology staff to correct the gaps in the crosswalk. Once the programming changes are complete, a list of PWSs and operators will be generated to identify which operators were caught in this data discrepancy. Operators on this list who have sufficient experience operating the treatment systems that are currently not included in their water certificates, will be grandfathered and granted the corrected subclass(es). Operators on the list with insufficient experience will be granted the corrected subclass(es) as soon as they have obtained the minimum experience. No additional training or testing will be required. The Bureau of Information Technology anticipates completing the programming updates during the summer months in 2015.. The Board will be notified by email.

### **Old and New Business**

Ms. Sansoni presented a petition from the Southcentral Regional Office requesting the indefinite suspension of the water certificate for water operator I. Gregg Haney Jr. for negligence, fraud, misconduct, and other reasons. Ms. Roland made a motion to indefinitely suspend the water license of I. Gregg Haney Jr. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Sykes informed the Board that the 2015 Available Operator Reports and Annual System Fees were mailed to drinking water and wastewater systems. He also informed the Board that the draft compliance and enforcement strategy document will be complete by the end of the calendar year.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no members of the public present.

Ms. Roland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 A.M.