

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

**Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 18, 2014**

**10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Board Members Present**

Joseph Swanderski  
Michael Kyle  
John Schombert  
Phil Consonery, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW)  
Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary  
John Cantwell, Legal Counsel

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Ronald Neufeld  
Curt Steffy  
Mary Roland

**Non Board Members Present**

Scott Noldy, BSDW

Mr. Swanderski called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators (Board) to order at 10:02AM.

**Criminal History Report (CHR)**

Ms. Sansoni presented the CHR on behalf of the review committee regarding applicant client ID 309914, charged with recklessly endangering another person (Misdemeanor – M2) in June 2010. This charge was not related to a water or wastewater facility. The review committee recommended that the Board approve certification for this applicant. Mr. Swanderski motioned to issue the license. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Approval of April 16, 2014 Minutes**

Mr. Kyle motioned to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes as written. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Approval of New, Upgrades and Reciprocity Applications**

**New & Upgrade Applications**

The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Schombert motioned to issue licenses for all new and upgrade applications on the Evaluation Summary Report. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **Reciprocity Requests**

The following reciprocity applications were presented to the Board.

### **Wastewater**

Wanda Rios Martinez – Holds a Puerto Rico Operator IV wastewater certificate that expires on June 18, 2014. She has 5 years and 4 months working at various class A plants using activated sludge WW1. She also has her Masters in Sciences in Environmental Management.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWA1 certificate. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ross Buscemi – Holds Military discharge papers that indicate Collections experience. Mr. Buscemi is currently a Corrections state employee at the SCI Forest Marienville, PA. He has worked at various facilities in various countries with over 7 years of experience. He is requesting a collections WWE4 certification.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWE4 certificate. Mr. Schombert motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Consonery seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Jonathan Bedillion – Holds a West Virginia Class S wastewater certification that expires December 31, 2015. He has over 10 years' experience working at various class WWDE systems using WW1 activated sludge and collections.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WWDE 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.

Joseph Carlos – Holds an inactive Massachusetts wastewater certification that expires December 31, 2015. The license states "Pursuant to the general laws – Inactive." NOTE: Before an operator's certificate can become active, Massachusetts requires 10 training contact hours. Ms. Sansoni informed Mr. Carlos that he may have to take the training in order to obtain a reciprocal license. He works for GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines in Lancaster for 8 years and 6 months, a Class D Industrial waste facility using WW1 activated sludge treatment.

The Department defers this recommendation to the Board for their determination whether to issue a WWD1 certificate. After discussion, the Board stated that Mr. Carlos would need to complete the 10 hours of continuing education and obtain an active Massachusetts license to be eligible for a Pennsylvania reciprocity license. Mr. Swanderski motioned to deny issuing the reciprocity license. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## Water

George Temple III – Holds a Delaware water certification that expires on May 13, 2016. He also holds a Maryland temporary water treatment T4 certification that expires on March 1, 2015. He has 12 years', 11 months' experience working at Artesian Water Company, which is a Class A facility using subclasses W2, W5, W7, W8, W9, W10, W11, W12 and WE.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WAE 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 certificate. Mr. Swanderski motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Schombert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Elbert Drejkal – Holds a Maryland water class 3, T3 certification that expires July 1, 2016. He also holds a Delaware water operator license that expires August 21, 2014. He has 35 years' experience working at Artesian Water Company, which is a Class A facility using subclasses W2, W5, W7, W8, W9, W10, W11, W12 and WE.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WAE 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 certificate. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

It was discovered after the Board meeting that Mr. Drejkal was a previously-certified water operator in Pennsylvania, and his license expired without meeting the continuing education requirements. Per regulations (Chp 302.304(c)(2) relating to Issuance of certificate through reciprocity), "operators previously certified in this Commonwealth are not eligible to apply for reciprocity if the operator failed to meet the continuing education requirements for its most recent 3-year renewal cycle." No reciprocity license will be issued.

James Fulton - Holds a Maryland temporary water treatment T4, certification that expires on October 1, 2016. He also has a Delaware water operator license that expires August 14, 2014. He has 16 years', 4 months' experience working at Artesian Water Company, which is a Class A facility using subclasses W2, W5, W7, W8, W9, W10, W11, W12 and WE.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WAE 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 certificate. Mr. Schombert motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Swanderski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Jason McCarthy – Holds a New York Grade C plant and distribution system operator certification that expires August 31, 2015. He has over 10 years' experience working at various class D facilities using subclasses W5, W9, W12, W13.

The Department's recommendation is to issue a WDE 5,9,12,13 certificate. Mr. Swanderski motioned to issue the license as recommended by the Department. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal**

There were no denials to present to the Board.

**Consent Order and Agreement**

The Board was presented with the signed Consent Order and Agreement for the indefinite suspension of Mr. Daniel P. Scheitrum's water operator's certificate, license number W10062 and wastewater operator's certificate, license number T3222. No action was taken by the Board.

The Board was also presented with the signed Consent Order and Agreement for the indefinite suspension of Mr. Paul R. Herb's water operator's certificate, license number W8879 and wastewater operator's certificate, license number T3524. No action was taken by the Board.

**Board Secretary Report**

There were no extension requests to present to the Board.

**Old and New Business**

There was no old or new business to report.

Mr. Swanderski discussed if certification should be required for operators specializing in wastewater reuse. Since little is known about this topic, it was recommended that Mr. Swanderski consult with Tom Brown and Jerry Yeasted on this issue. If warranted, this information will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Swanderski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:43AM.