

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS  
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2014  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Ronald Neufeld  
John Schombert

**Non Board Members Present**

Scott Noldy, BSDW  
Laura Henry, Policy Office

Mr. Swanderski called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators (Board) to order at 10:05 AM.

**Criminal History Report (CHR)**

Ms. Sansoni presented the following CHR's on behalf of the review committee.

In 1988, Client ID 240781 was charged with driving under the influence (Misdemeanor – M2) and prohibited offensive weapon (Misdemeanor – M1). In 1997, same client was charged with criminal conspiracy manufacture of control substance (Felony – F1) and plead guilty, which resulted in a county prison sentence (11 months), fines and costs. These charges were 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. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

In 2004, Client ID 308061 was charged with receiving stolen property (Felony – F3) which was adjudicated delinquent. These charges were not related to a water or wastewater facility. The review committee recommended that the Board approve certification for this applicant. Mr. Kyle motioned to issue the license. Mr. Steffy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

In 1973, Client ID 273101 was charged with robbery (Felony – F1) and plead guilty, resulting in a regional correction facility sentence (6 to 20 months), costs and restitution. These charges were not related to a water or wastewater facility. 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.

In 1983, Client ID 311789 was charged with manufacture of control substance (Felony – F3) and plead guilty, resulting in a county probation sentence (6 months), costs and restitution. These charges were 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. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Approval of June 18, 2014 Minutes**

The Board members agreed that the paragraphs in the minutes relating to reciprocity require amendments. Reciprocity applicants Elbert Drejkal and James Fulton do not qualify for reciprocity because they were previously certified in PA and lost their licenses due to lack of continuing education. Mr. Swanderski motioned to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes as amended. Mr. Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

#### **New & Upgrade Applications**

Ms. Sansoni forwarded three applications for the Board's evaluation. After their review, the Board voted to award Walter Higgins a class A certification, Dan Jeannerat was awarded a class B certification, and Brad Osevala was awarded an operator-in-training letter. The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Swanderski 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.

#### **Reciprocity Applications**

There were no applications to present to the Board.

#### **Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal**

There were no denials to present to the Board.

#### **Board Secretary Report**

Ms. Sansoni presented the following extension request:

Edward Skisuski is requesting an extension of his WWDE 1,2,3,4 wastewater license, which expired on June 30, 2014. He completed 0 hours of the required 15 hours to renew his certification. Mr. Skisuski is requesting an extension of his cycle due to medical issues. Mr. Swanderski motioned to approve an extension of his renewal cycle for 90 days until September 30, 2014. Ms. Roland seconded the motion. Mr. Kyle opposed. Mr. Swanderski motioned to rescind the motion. Ms. Roland seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Mr. Swanderski motioned to request more medical information from Mr. Skisuski, i.e. if Mr. Skisuski was off work, how long and when did he return to work? Mr. Kyle seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **Old and Business**

### **Reciprocity applications approved at the 6-18-14 Board meeting**

Elbert Drejkal and James Fulton previously had PA licenses and lost those licenses due to lack of continuing education. Therefore, they are not eligible to receive reciprocal licenses as noted in the June 18, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Steffy motioned to deny Elbert Drejkal's and James Fulton's applications for certification. Mr. Swanderski seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Consonery conveyed news to the Board about the Department's report titled "Three-Year Internal Review: Drinking Water Operator Certification Program." Per the 1996 Amendments of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the Department delivered the report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in July 2014. The EPA also requires a five year external review survey of the Operator Certification Program. The Certification Program Advisory Committee (CPAC) will need to reconvene to discuss how the external review will be conducted. The external review is due to EPA on June 30, 2016.

Mr. Cantwell drafted an order for the Board Secretary's signature to discontinue the Daniel Scheitrum docket since Mr. Scheitrum signed a consent order and agreement.

Mr. Swanderski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:06AM.