

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2008  
Conference Call**

**Board Members Present**

Matt Higgins  
Michael Kyle  
Mary McElhinny  
John Schombert  
Joe Swanderski  
Nicki Kasi  
Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary  
Asya Staevska, DEP Legal Counsel

**Board Members Not Present**

John Brutz, Chairman

**Non Board Members Present**

Kevin Karmosky, BWSFR  
Roberta Radel, BWSFR  
Dawn Becker, BWSFR

Mike Kyle called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators to order at 10:05 AM.

**Criminal History Report**

Kevin Karmosky recommended 2 criminal history cases for approval:

- Client #258850, Simple Assault in 1989
- Client #266098, DUI in 1994

Nicki Kasi motioned to approve. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Approval of September 11, 2008 Minutes**

Mike Kyle motioned to amend the minutes to include first and last names throughout the minutes. On page 2, Board Guidelines Discussion, include the name of the individual who motioned to accept the adoption of the proposed 302 regulations as Board guidance. On page 4, second paragraph, remove the sentence, "The Board needs to amend the vote from the 6/5/08 meeting to disapprove this application based on the above information." Joe Swanderski motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mike Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Approvals of New Applications, Upgrade and Downgrade Requests**

John Schombert motioned to approve the applications for initial certification. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Nicki Kasi motioned to approve upgrade applications. John Schombert seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Joe Swanderski motioned to approve the downgrade application for William Love. John Schombert seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Reciprocities**

#### **Wastewater:**

Richard Risoldi applied for reciprocity; but, based on the information he submitted, has no operating experience. Nicki Kasi stated up to 50% of water experience can be applied toward wastewater experience. Joe Swanderski motioned to defer this application and send a letter to Mr. Risoldi to allow him the opportunity to submit documentation on any additional operating experience he may have. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Timothy McFarland applied for wastewater reciprocity with 2 years experience at the Whiteman Air Force Base. Mr. McFarland also has previous PA experience, which the Board took into consideration in granting his reciprocity request. Nicki Kasi motioned to issue a WWCE 1,2,4 certificate. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Joe Swanderski motioned to issue Kelly Bothur a WWCE 3,4 certificate. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **Water:**

Nicki Kasi motioned to issue Richard Risoldi a WAE 1,7,8,9,10,11,12 certificate. Joe Swanderski seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Nicki Kasi motioned to issue Daniel Angove a WAE 5,6,7,8,9,10,12 certificate. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mary McElhinny motioned to issue Michael Kidston a WB 1,8,9,10,11,12 certificate. Joe Swanderski seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Cheri Sansoni stated Edward Clerico met the renewal requirements to maintain his wastewater operator certificate and should be removed from the denial list.

The following renewal applications were denied due to not enough continuing education within their renewal cycle:

**Expired: June 30, 2008**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility ID</u>
Samuel D'Alessandro	W	192723	0	Not in eFacts
Carl Dupoldt, Jr.	W	195850	7.00	Not in eFacts
Cary Gaw	W	201546	0	Not in eFacts
David Klepadlo	W	198961	0	Not in eFacts
Ernest Knight	W	197291	0	Not in eFacts
Raymond Lees	W	196139	0	Not in eFacts
Frank Natale	W	193058	0	Not in eFacts
Raymond Robbins	W	194552	0	PF#632673
John Tomaro	W	197322	6.00	Not in eFacts
Jason Wert	W	194328	14.00	PF#271804
				end dated 6/30/08
Douglas Berg	WW	197980	11.00	Not in eFacts
Richard Deer	WW	196162	4.00	Not in eFacts
Samuel D'Alessandro	WW	192723	0	Not in eFacts
Carl Dupoldt, Jr.	WW	195850	1.00	Not in eFacts
David Klepadlo	WW	198961	0	Not in eFacts
Carl Koch	WW	194948	0	Not in eFacts
Justin Kuhn	WW	213925	11.00	Not in eFacts
Raymond Lees	WW	196139	0	Not in eFacts
David Liss	WW	198772	0	Not in eFacts
Chalmers McCombs	WW	197415	0	Not in eFacts
Frank Natale	WW	193058	0	Not in eFacts
Raymond Nierstedt	WW	193008	9.00	Not in eFacts
Kenneth Plummer, Jr.	WW	200085	0	Not in eFacts
Raymond Robbins	WW	194552	0	Not in eFacts
George Roeder	WW	197717	0	Not in eFacts
Edward Silcox, Sr.	WW	198032	0	Not in eFacts
Richard Watson	WW	196417	7.00	Not in eFacts

Nicki Kasi motioned to approve the denied list, minus Edward Clerico. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Consent Order and Agreement Board Duties**

Asya Staevska presented legal advice to the Board not to modify the consent order process where the operator agrees to voluntarily surrender their license. The power to initiate the consent order and agreement process rests with the Department. Modifying the process would negate the appeals process to the Board, and would interfere with the Department's prosecutorial authority. The Board Secretary can request operators to return their certificates and notify the Board of filed petitions.

The Board requested additional clarification on the petition process and agreed to add this to the agenda for the December 15 meeting. Asya Staevska will provide this information.

### **2009 Board Meeting Dates**

Friday, February 6	10:00 AM	Conference call
Friday, April 3	10:00 AM	Conference call
Friday, June 19	10:00 AM	Meeting
Friday, August 14	10:00 AM	Conference call
Friday, October 16	10:00 AM	Conference call (may lead to meeting with CPAC)
Friday, December 18	10:00 AM	Conference call (may lead to meeting with CPAC)

Cheri Sansoni will e-mail dates to all board members. Any changes will be ratified at the December 15 meeting. Nicki Kasi motioned to approve. Joe Swanderski seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **On-Line Exams**

Cheri Sansoni stated in order to receive scores through AMP's on-line system, the Department is required to accept AMP's terms and conditions. The agreement with AMP to provide on-line examinations is through an existing contract with ABC. Asya Staevska stated that the Board is prohibited from signing any agreements without a review process conducted by both the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Legal Counsel. Since this review will delay the deliver of on-line examinations, Nicki Kasi motioned to contact ABC to inform them the Board cannot accept the agreement with AMP, and request ABC procure and provide scores on a monthly basis. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Board Secretary Report**

Cheri Sansoni presented a medical extension request from Stanley Brass. Mr. Brass' certificate expired on September 30, 2008. He has 23 contact hours of training. Mr. Brass was scheduled for training in September; however, the training was cancelled by the provider. Joe Swanderski motioned to approve a three month extension. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Cheri Sansoni requested a Board decision on the new proposed ABC by-laws. Nicki Kasi motioned to approve. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Old and New Business**

Cheri Sansoni stated David Klepadlo's post-presentation credit requests for his water and wastewater certifications were denied. His certifications were included on the denial list.

Nicki Kasi will contact the Board members with final meeting times and locations for the examination question reviews.

### **Comments from the Public**

No comments

Joe Swanderski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 AM. Motion carried.