

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2008**

**Board Members Present**

John Brutz, Chairman  
Mary McElhinny  
John Schombert  
Matthew Higgins  
Michael Kyle  
Nicki Kasi  
William Shakely, Legal Counsel  
Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary

**Board Members Absent**

William Ross

**Non Board Members Present**

Robert Radel, BWSFR  
Mary Zeigler, BWSFR

John Brutz called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators to order at 10:16 AM.

**Approval of February 29, 2008 Minutes**

Mike Kyle moved to approve the February 29, 2008 minutes as presented. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

**New Applications, Upgrades, and Reciprocity Requests**

The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. John Schombert made a motion to approve and issue all new and upgrade certificates. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

The following water reciprocity applications were reviewed:

Mahlon Vanderhoof holds a valid water license in New York. He has a total of 17 years, 3 months experience working at Class D water plants. He has 17 years and 3 months experience in subclass 12; and 1 year and 3 months experience in subclass 9. John Brutz made a motion to issue a WD 9, 12 certificate. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Eberhard Barth holds a valid water license in New York. He has a total of 2 years, 9 months experience working at Class D water plants. He has 2 years experience in subclass 8; and 9 months experience in subclasses 9 and 12. Mike Kyle made a motion to issue a WD 8 certificate. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

### **Nutrient Removal Subclass**

Nicki Kasi presented the results of the nutrient removal subclass study. Based on the results of the study, she recommended not adding a nutrient removal subclass. The activated sludge exam content may have been compromised. Rewriting the exam will be a priority for the summer. The possibility of adding nutrient removal questions to the activated sludge exam will be considered at that time. Mike Kyle suggested involving more people to write new questions for exams. John Brutz suggested a workshop of 10 to 20 people to write the exam questions.

### **Proposed Chapter 302 Regulations**

Nicki Kasi went over changes to the proposed Regulations. Nicki captured comments from the Board. These will be formalized into a comment document for review by the Board at the June meeting.

### **Revisions to Board Guidelines**

Nicki Kasi discussed revisions to the Board Guidelines. The comments from the Board will be included in the comment document for review by the Board at the June meeting. John Brutz made a motion to have DEP proceed with implementing the process to replace the existing Interim Guidelines with the version finalized by the Board last July. When the Chapter 302 Regulations are passed, this version can be significantly shortened and replaced with the proposed draft that was provided for discussion at this meeting. Mary McElhinny seconded. Nicki Kasi abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mike Kyle made a motion to solicit public input on reciprocity as part of the public comment period when the Environmental Quality Board releases the draft regulations. Mary McElhinny seconded. Nicki Kasi abstained from voting. The motion carried. Nicki Kasi will draft a letter and presentation for the EQB for review and finalization at the next Board meeting.

### **Board Secretary Report**

Cheri Sansoni informed the Board of a consent order and agreement received from the Northeast Regional Office. Craig LaBold permanently surrendered his wastewater license because of violations to the Clean Streams Law and the Certification Act.

### **Old and New Business**

Since discussion of the guidelines and draft regulations was finished, members decided to change the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to a conference call. The agenda will include the draft presentation to the EQB, if program staff can pull the material together in time and contact the regional staff concerning the collection system issue.

**Comments from the Public**

No comments

Nicki Kasi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM.