

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS
Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2009
Conference Call**

Board Members Present

John Schombert, Acting Chairman
Michael Kyle
Ron Neufeld
Curt Steffy
Joe Swanderski
Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary
Asya Staevska, Board Counsel

Board Members Not Present

John Brutz, Chairman
Nicki Kasi

Non Board Members Present

Paul Handke, BWSFR
Bill McNamara, BWSFR
Ken Parmelee, BWSFR
Dawn Becker, BWSFR
Robert Wisniewski, Operator

John Schombert called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators to order at 10:03 AM.

Criminal History Report

Paul Handke presented and recommended one criminal history case for approval: Client 271166 has a 3rd degree misdemeanor for simple assault. Joe Swanderski motioned to accept Mr. Handke's recommendation and issue a certificate. Mike Kyle seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of June 19, 2009 Minutes

Curt Steffy motioned to approve. John Schombert seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of New Applications and Upgrades

Joe Swanderski motioned to approve new applications and upgrades. Ron Neufeld seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal

The following renewal applications were presented for denial due to lack of continuing education within their renewal cycle:

Expired: March 31, 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility ID</u>
Randy Estabrook	WBE 11-14	#192841	24.00	269282
George Morrison	WDE 11-14	#63745	10.00	None
Floyd Lindsay	WDE 11-14	#200023	4.00	242165
Matthew May	WBE 11-14	#198637	- 0 -	248573
Frank Sargent, Jr.	WBE 11-14	#199184	- 0 -	None
Clyde Scott	WDC	#223985	- 0 -	4504
Douglas Willey	WDE 11-14	#196441	7.00	472179
Jesse Pagliaro	WWAE 1-4	#247383	- 0 -	None

Mike Kyle motioned to deny the certifications as recommended by the Department. Curt Steffy seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Secretary Report

Robert Wisniewsk requested to either have water course #723, Regulation Insights, approved towards his wastewater training requirement, or be granted an extension of his renewal cycle which expired June 30, 2009. Without credit for this course he is 4.5 hours short of the 30 hours required for renewal. Mr. Wisniewski attended the meeting to inform the Board he mistakenly took a water course and to request the course be approved for the wastewater industry since the trainer did discuss some wastewater topics. Bill McNamara informed Board members that "Regulation Insights" is advertised as a water course and the training provider requests the course remain applicable to water operator training only. There was much discussion about the course content. John Schombert motioned the Board go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. Mike Kyle seconded. Mike Kyle motioned to resume the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Joe Swanderski seconded. Joe Swanderski motioned to deny the extension request because Mr. Wisniewski did not complete 30 hours of wastewater training by his expiration date. Mike Kyle seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Cheri Sansoni informed Mr. Wisniewski she would provide him information for recertification.

Kevin Price's wastewater certification expired June 30, 2009 and he still needed 10 more hours to complete the required 30 hours of continuing education. Mr. Price requested an extension of his renewal cycle for two days because he completed a 90 hour SAC correspondence course prior to June 30 but the certificate of completion date is July 2 when the course was graded. Bill McNamara contacted the training provider to inquire what constitutes their definition of successful course completion. The training provider indicated successful completion is effective the date the course is graded. California University informs operators to allow two to four weeks for processing of answer sheets and to submit final exams for grading at least four weeks before any

deadlines for certificate renewal. Joe Swanderski motioned to deny the extension because Mr. Price did not have 30 hours of wastewater training by his expiration date. Mike Kyle seconded. Ron Neufeld opposed. Motion carried.

At the February 6, 2009 meeting, the Board granted Lynn Keith a six month extension of his renewal cycle for medical reasons to complete 30 hours of continuing education requirements by June 30, 2009. Mr. Keith did not respond to email regarding the impending expiration of the extension, he did not complete any training, nor did he request an additional extension. Mike Kyle motioned to deny Mr. Keith's renewal application. Curt Steffy seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dennis DeKrane's wastewater certification expired June 30, 2009 and he needed 30 hours of continuing education. Mr. DeKrane submitted an extension request to complete his continuing education requirements due to family problems. Joe Swanderski motioned to deny the extension because there were no extenuating circumstances. Ron Neufeld seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Richard Webb submitted an accommodation request to be permitted to have food and diabetic test supplies available during a certification examination he is registered for on October 14, 2009. Asya Staevska, Board counsel, stated the request should be approved as an accommodation under the ADA. Mike Kyle motioned to approve the request and DEP proctors should be informed of Mr. Webb's request. Curt Steffy seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board received a Consent Order and Agreement (CO&A) for William Scott Wilson effective July 1, 2009. The Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) stated Mr. Wilson falsified records and agreed to the revocation of his wastewater license. The region has agreed to the CO&A in lieu of petitioning the Board. Cheri Sansoni sent a letter dated July 8, 2009, ordering Mr. Wilson to surrender his wastewater license within 30 days from the date of the letter. The certificate has not yet been received. Cheri Sansoni is working with Ricardo Gilson in the NWRO to determine if Mr. Wilson surrendered his license to the NWRO staff.

New Business

For inclusion in the next Board meeting agenda, Joe Swanderski requested the Board review CPAC's decision to decline evaluating the compliance and enforcement components of the external program review.

John Schombert adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.