

MINUTES

**WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY
OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Sabin Room**

June 26, 2012 Meeting

Call to Order:

Allen Coyne called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board members present:

Allen Coyne, Rich Hayes, Bill Hogrewe, Scott Leslie, Gary Parham, Garth Rygh, Tom Schaffer, Steve Walker and Bill Wright.

Board members absent:

Tom Settle.

Staff present:

Paul Frohardt, Administrator; Jackie Whelan, Division Liaison; Annette Quill, Assistant Attorney General and Nancy Horan, Program Assistant.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as published.

Administrator's Items:

1. Steve Walker moved for approval of the April 24, 2012 meeting minutes. Bill Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Scott Leslie was not present for this vote.
2. Gary Parham provided a summary of discussions at the April 2012 Contractor Coordination Subcommittee meeting.
3. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the August 2012 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

No public comment was offered at the meeting.

Contractors' Report:

1. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by CECTI in a memo dated June 13, 2012. Bill Hogrewe moved that the Board accept the recommendations from CECTI regarding the reciprocity requests from Rene Peralez, Gayle Hoskevec, Michael Johnson, Russell Deignan, David Gurley, Christopher Humbert, Robert Duport, Walter Eaves and James White, with the corrections identified. Scott Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by the Certification Council in memos dated April 30, 2012 and May 31, 2012. Bill Wright moved that the Board accept the recommendations from the Certification Council regarding the reciprocity requests from Randy Townsend, David Gurley and Christopher Humbert, contingent on confirming that Mr. Humbert's certification has not expired. Gary Parham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Ray Olson presented the Certification Council's audit report. The Board asked for several clarifications regarding the report.
4. Ray Olson identified several issues regarding the current Training Unit Matrix. Board members offered several questions and comments. Following discussion, it was agreed that the contractors will prepare proposed revisions to the Matrix, including any general explanation of the need for case by case judgment, for Board consideration at its August 28 meeting.
5. Ray Olson provided an update regarding the status of the integration effort between CECTI and the Certification Council.
6. Ray raised an issue regarding an operator who took one exam in person and one exam online during the same exam cycle, which is not allowed under Regulation 100. The system has now been changed to close this loophole.

Walt Weers Award:

On behalf of the Board, Allen Coyne presented to Sid Copeland the Walter A. Weers Outstanding Achievement Award. Several others provided comments of appreciation for Sid's efforts.

Bill Wright Recognition:

On behalf of the Board, Allen Coyne thanked Bill Wright for his contributions as a member of the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board, since this will be Bill's last meeting.

Division Liaison's Report:

1. Jackie Whelan noted that there are no recommendations for Board disciplinary actions this month. It was agreed to continue the past practice that if the Division investigates an issue and determines that no disciplinary action is appropriate, the specifics of the allegations are not brought to the Board.

2. Jackie summarized the status of 2011 and 2012 facility enforcement actions. She noted that no formal Division enforcement actions have been issued this month, but advised the Board that several orders will be issued in the near future.
3. Jackie advised the Board that Colorado Energy Nations Company LLLP has submitted a request to be reclassified from a Class 1 to a Class 2 industrial wastewater treatment facility. Because such a reclassification requires formal action by the Board, it was agreed that an adjudicatory hearing will be scheduled for the August 2012 Board meeting to consider this request.
4. It was agreed that a discussion of the Division's recommendations regarding timing and scope of future Regulation No. 100 rulemaking hearings will be rescheduled for the August Board meeting.
5. Jackie provided a status report regarding the next steps of the sunset review process. Jackie advised the Board that the Division has submitted program data and Division recommendations regarding potential legislative changes for the Operators Certification Program.
6. Jackie presented the proposed final version of the Annual Report to EPA. Following discussion, Scott Leslie moved that the Board approve the annual report to EPA in accordance with the version provided in the Board packets. Steve Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Jackie described plans for preparation of an Operator Certification Program annual report for the past calendar year. It was agreed that a draft report will be included in the August packets for Board review and comment.
8. Jackie noted that Jennifer Miller has been hired as manager of the Drinking Water Compliance Assurance Section.

Attorney General's Report:

There was no separate report from the Assistant Attorney General this month.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m., June 26, 2012.