

MINUTES

WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

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

November 29, 2011 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, Tom Settle and Bill Wright.

Board members absent:

Steve Walker.

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, with the deletion of the review of a reciprocity determination.

Administrator's Items:

1. Bill Hogrewe moved for approval of the September 27, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Settle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Gary Parham abstained.
2. The Board reviewed the draft notice and proposal for a February 2012 rulemaking hearing regarding potential revisions to Regulation No. 100. Following discussion it was agreed that the notice and proposal should be finalized and filed, with the addition of a provision regarding a \$5 fee for large certificates, a revision regarding training units for teaching classes, and any appropriate editorial corrections that may be identified.
3. Paul Frohardt provided a summary of discussions at the September 2011 Contractor Coordination Subcommittee meeting.
4. Paul Frohardt noted that no nominations for the Walt Weers Outstanding Achievement Award were received by the Board office by the October 15 deadline. Tom Settle noted one late

nomination submission. Following discussion, it was agreed that this nomination will be considered in next year's nomination review process.

5. The Board reviewed a draft meeting schedule for FY 2013. The schedule will be finalized and posted on the Board's website, subject to potential future refinements.
6. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the February 2012 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Paul Bishop from the Association of Boards of Certification provided a brief update regarding activities at ABC. Bill Hoyt with Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association asked a question to clarify the timing of transition to sequential testing.

Rulemaking Hearing:

The Board conducted a rulemaking hearing to consider the adoption of revisions to Regulation No. 100. Testimony was received from Jackie Whelan on behalf of the Water Quality Control Division. No public comment was offered. Following the close of the record and deliberations, Tom Settle moved for final approval of the revisions to Regulation No. 100 as proposed in Exhibit 1 to the rulemaking hearing notice, with the one correction to section 100.9.8 discussed today, along with the accompanying Statement of Basis, Specific Statutory Authority and Purpose. Gary Parham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Contractors' Report:

1. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by CECTI in a memo dated November 10, 2011. Rich Hayes moved that the Board accept the recommendations from CECTI regarding the reciprocity requests from Douglas Sands, Dirk Deremo, Andrew Strehler, Denzil Householder, Kiersten Wangsvick, Martin Gassar, Michael Hennigan, David Onkka, and Brian Turner. Tom Settle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by the Certification Council in two memos dated September 29, 2011, a memo dated October 4, 2011, a memo dated November 7, 2011, and two memos dated November 14, 2011. Bill Hogrewe moved that the Board accept the recommendations from the Certification Council regarding the reciprocity requests from Jessica Wilson, Denzil Householder, Brian Turner, Dirk Deremo and David Onkka. Scott Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board requested that the contractors review the reciprocity request from Shaun Burdick further and bring its recommendation back to the Board with additional clarification.
2. Ray Olson and Jerry Biberstine handed out and discussed an updated draft of an exam calendar for a phase-in of sequential testing in Colorado. It was agreed that the contractors will proceed with planning for three exam cycles for the upcoming year, with a January 15 announcement of the summer application deadline and exam dates. The contractors will provide any further refinements to the plans for the next year's exam cycle to the WWFOCB office for distribution to the full Board for comment. A further update will be provided at the February 2012 Board meeting.

3. Ray described the status of discussions regarding development of a new testing services contract between the Board's contractors and the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) for 2012. Following discussion, it was agreed that a draft contract for the Board's review and approval will be provided for the February 2012 Board meeting.

Division Liaison's Report:

1. Jackie Whelan briefed the Board regarding a request to investigate alleged operator misconduct and the Division's conclusion following investigation that no disciplinary action is necessary.

Informational Briefing:

Ellen Graham, an analyst for the Department of Regulatory Affairs, provided a briefing regarding the Operator Certification Program sunset review process.

Attorney General's Report:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., November 29, 2011.