

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2007  
Conference Call**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Not Present**

William Ross – due to incapability of the phone to hold more than 6 parties.  
Judy Rivera, Legal Counsel

**Non Board Members Present**

Roberta Radel, BWSFR  
Dawn Becker, BWSFR

John Brutz called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators to order at 11:46 a.m.

**Approval of August 24, 2007 Minutes**

Mike Kyle made a motion to approve the August 24, 2007, minutes with a revision to page one under Non Board Members Present to correct Roberta Radel's name. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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

The new, upgrade, and downgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval. Cheri Sansoni informed the Board there is a request for service to correct an issue with the experience calculations on the report and that the report is being reviewed and corrected by hand in the interim. John Schombert made a motion to approve all new, upgrade, and downgrade certificates. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The following water reciprocity applications were reviewed:

Mike Kyle motioned to issue Steven Young a WC 1,7,8,11 certificate. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

John Brutz motioned to issue William Bostaph a WB 1,7,8,10,11 certificate. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mary McElhinny motioned to issue John Long a WAE 1,2,7,8,9,10,11,12. Matt Higgins seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The following wastewater reciprocity application was reviewed:

Michael Kyle motioned to issue Hudson Bethard a WWCE 1,3,4 certificate. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal**

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

**Expired: June 30, 2007**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Ronald Ferguson	WW	198570	0
Nick Galluppi	WW	198352	0
Thomas Bagenstose	WW	199328	10.5
Keith Baker	WW	195560	6

Nicki Kasi motioned to deny the above applications. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Board Secretary Report**

The Board considered a medical extension request for continuing education requirements from Daniel Sigafoos due to a back injury. Mr. Sigafoos has been off work since June 2007. Nicki Kasi motioned to issue an extension until December 31, 2007, with the stipulation if Mr. Sigafoos is unable to complete his training, he must notify the Board prior to the expiration date of the extension. John Schombert seconded. The vote was unanimous.

An extension request for continuing education was received from Edward Mengel. Mr. Mengel's employer stated he is currently working on development of a product designed for military use and is unable to complete his continuing education requirements. John Brutz motioned to deny the request. John Schombert seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A medical extension request for continuing education was received from Scot Fisher's employer. Mr. Fisher's employer stated he has been on worker's compensation due to an injury sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Mr. Fisher never contacted the Board; all communication has been with the employer. Cheri Sansoni provided the employer with training information to assist Mr. Fisher in the completion of his continuing education requirements. Mr. Fisher is a grandparented operator and, according to documentation provided from the employer, had a period of time where he was released to light duty. John Brutz stated Mr. Fisher had ample time to complete the training requirements and motioned to deny the request. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mikel Goldblatt submitted an application to become certified as a wastewater operator. Mr. Goldblatt has over 20 years of experience in troubleshooting and diagnostics of Industrial Wastewater systems. Mr. Goldblatt passed the activated sludge exam. Nicki Kasi motioned to approve the issuance of a license with the activated subclass and the appropriate class based upon subsequent review of Mr. Goldblatt's documentation of experience by Mike Kyle and Matt Higgins. After their review, Mike Kyle and Matt Higgins will e-mail their class recommendation to the Board for final consensus. John Brutz seconded. The vote was unanimous. (Based on this review, Mr. Goldblatt was issued a WWB1.)

Steven Torma submitted a request to add the activated sludge subclass to his certification, based on a reciprocity certification issued in 1995. In his initial application, he did not include his experience operating the Bardenpho treatment technology. Nicki Kasi motioned to deny the request and to send a certified letter informing Mr. Torma that he must take the activated sludge exam and show one year of experience working at an activated sludge plant. Mr. Torma's appeal rights of the Board's decision, if any, need to be documented in the letter. Mary McElhinny seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Nicki Kasi informed the members that the Board guidelines were tabled for now, because the program regulations have been added to the agenda for release in the Spring. The revisions made to the guidelines will be incorporated into the new draft of the regulations. Board members were in concurrence to hold separate meetings for regulation review from the CPAC committee. Nicki Kasi hoped to have the new version of the draft regulations ready for review within the next three months.

Agenda items for the December 14, 2007, Board meeting will include the establishment of meeting dates for the 2008 calendar year. Board members are to coordinate their availability with Cheri Sansoni.

Nicki Kasi moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m.