

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Certification
January 19, 2006**

Present for the meeting on January 19th were: Richard Lorenz, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dail Hollopetter, member; Robert Brown, member; Deborah Metz, chair; Chris Clark, member; Vui Chung, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Ohio EPA Certification Unit, and Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Applications

The Board received notification that the Division of Surface Water has reviewed and recommended the following action related to a Class IV application:

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Terry Korzan	City of Elyria	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval

2) Class IV, Examination Actions

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Philip R. Bennington	City of Dayton	WW	Return for additional information
Barbara L. Wagner	City of Cincinnati	WW	Return for additional information

Richard Lorenz made a motion recommending that Philip R. Bennington's Class IV Wastewater and Barbara L. Wagner's Class IV Wastewater examinations be returned for additional information. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Samuel Beckett	WC II	Recommend Approval
Juan Garza	WD I	Recommend Approval
William George	WW I	Recommend Approval
Kyle Jordan	WS I	Additional information needed.
Bradley Leslie	WS III	Recommend Approval
Jeffrey Long	WW II	Recommend Approval
Seth Warren	WD II	Recommend Approval
Raymond Windsor	WD II	Recommend Approval

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, recommending additional information be requested from Kyle Jordan, and that approval and the issuance of certificates be recommended for the remainder of the operators above. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Stephen Sanders (New York Wastewater Grade 3 A). Mr. Sanders passed an ABC Class III examination in New York. The ABC Class 3 exam has been reviewed by the Board and determined to be equivalent to the Ohio Wastewater Class I. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Robert Brown recommending that Stephen Sanders be granted a Wastewater Class I certificate upon documentation of employment in Ohio. Motion carried.

5) Other Business

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit that Vincenzo J. Loduca, City of Cleveland be granted an 18-month extension to submit his Water Supply Class IV examination and that Paul D. Fields, Jr., City of Cambridge, be granted a six-month extension to submit his Wastewater Class IV examination. Motion carried

An exam question submitted by Ann Bersbach was approved pending reference information.

There was a discussion about recent coordination efforts with US EPA Region V states regarding contact hours, reciprocity, etc with other Region V states. With the exception of Indiana, the states appear to be willing to

work together regarding acceptance of contact hour courses and reciprocity.

Andrew Barienbrock gave a rule update. There have been approximately 30 sets of comments on the proposed rules. A May, 2006 effective date for new rules is anticipated. A group of stakeholders will be meeting in February, 2006 to help develop guidelines for implementing some of the new rules.

6) Strategic Planning

The Board continued to discuss Class IV exam revisions.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Vui Chung motioned, Robert Brown seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2006.

Board Approved: February 16, 2006