

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016
Time: 9:00 am
Location: DOH Wastewater Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, Room 309, Honolulu
Attendees: Kevin Nakamura (KN), Chair, Department of Health
Robert Souza (RS), Vice-Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Dr. Roger Babcock (RB), University of Hawaii Faculty
Lee Mansfield, P.E. (LM), Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Loren Tanigawa (LT), County of Kauai
Ron Hay, P.E. (RH), Private Sector
Unable to Attend:
Virgilio Viernes (VV), County of Maui

MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 9:15 on May 5, 2016

B. Review March 2016 Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes of the March 10-11, 2016 Board of Certification (BOC) meeting were approved.

C. Old Business

1. Primus Delargarza Inquiry. The BOC has unanimously determined that Mr Delargarza's license renewal for 2014-2016 was correctly denied because of a lack of 2 CEUs obtained during the 2012-2014 period. Mr. Delargaza took courses in California that have never been approved by the BOC and also repeated the Kerri course "Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection Systems Vol 1" which is not on the list of courses approved for repeat credit.
2. Stuart Ujimori – Request ruling on need to have a DRC to operate newly constructed systems during pre-commissioning. The plant DRC is not responsible for such equipment until it is turned over to the City. HAR 11-61 does not require a certified operator for operation of equipment/processes during construction.
3. Request for classification of Wailehua WWTP on Oahu. Babcock and Souza will do it. PENDING
4. Request for classification of Haleiwa Store Lots WWTP on Oahu. Babcock and Souza will do it. PENDING

D. New Business

1. Oath of Office: Kevin Nakamura, Loren Tanigawa, Roger Babcock

2. Michael Tugadi: The BOC will reissue his temporary grade 3 certificate with an expiration date of April 21, 2018.
3. Keith Rollins request for consideration of his 25 years operating experience in Kansas. Mr Rollins passed the Grade I exam in February 2016. His Kansas experience can be used to qualify for higher license exams. He also asked about the 2016 renewal. The CEU requirement for his renewal is 0.5 CEUs.
4. BOC Website – information about approved prorated CEUs list for new operators as follows:

Certificate Renewal Adjustments

Renewal of licenses that were valid from October 16, 2014 to October 15, 2016 – 2.0 CEU

Note: passing a higher grade exam during this period does not reduce the 2.0 CEU requirement.

First license issued after October 16, 2014, see below:

New Certificate: passed exam in August 2016 – 0.0 CEU

New Certificate: passed exam in Feb 2016 – 0.5 CEU

New Certificate: passed exam in August 2015 – 1.0 CEU

New Certificate: passed exam in Feb 2015 – 1.5 CEU

New Certificate: passed CBT – use closest date from above

5. Glen Elliot – 2014 renewal of grade 2 license approved.
6. DRC Notification
 - a. None
7. CBT Exam Results.
 - a. None
8. Requests for CEUs:
 - a. Gary Shiroyama – awarded 2 CEUs for Kerri course: Collection Systems: Methods for evaluating and improving performance.
 - b. Zeus Gran – awarded 6 CEUs for Kerri course: Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Vol 1.
 - c. Bobby Kelii – awarded 5 CEUs for Kerri course: Advanced Waste Treatment.
 - d. Michael Tugadi – awarded 5 CEUs for Kerri course: Advanced Waste Treatment.

- e. Eric Watanabe – awarded 9.34 CEUs for math and speech courses taken at Hawaii Community College.
 - f. Gillie Silva – awarded 11 CEUs for Water/Wastewater Treatment Entry Plant Operator Training at Maui College.
 - g. Piilani Watts – awarded 6 CEUs for Kerri course: Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Vol 1.
 - h. Francis Sakuoka – awarded 5 CEUs for Kerri course: Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Vol 2.
9. DRC Notifications:
- a. none.
10. Requests for Reciprocity:
- a. James Trissel. Applied for Grade 3 by reciprocity from Alaska. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Karl Stein. Applied for Grade 3 by reciprocity from Pennsylvania. Must submit grade B certificate from PA.
11. Requests for Temporary Certification:
- a. James Carreira (CCH). Applied for a temporary Grade 4 license for work at Kailua WWTP under DRC Ken Dao. Grade 4 temporary certificate approved for 2 years pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Luke Bumanglag (CCH) Applied for a temporary Grade 2 license for work at Kailua WWTP under DRC Ken Dao. Grade 2 temporary certificate approved for 2 years pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - c. Lloyd Takeda (CCH) Applied for a temporary Grade 4 license for work at Kailua WWTP under DRC Ken Dao. Grade 4 temporary certificate approved for 2 years pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
12. Wastewater Treatment Plant Classifications
- a. None.
13. Request for Course Evaluation for CEU approval:
- a. Daria Evans-Walker. Submitted for Board approval, EPA O&M training workshop. Not approved, need course syllabus and contact hours.
14. CBT Exam Applications

- a. Allen Arthaho - approved to take the Grade 1 exam
 - b. Michael Parrilla - approved to take the Grade 1 and 2 exams
15. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for 2016
- a. Meetings: Jan 14 (Oahu), Feb 3 (at HWEA), Mar 10-11 (Hilo), May 5 (Oahu), June 23-24 (Kauai), Sep 22 (Oahu), Oct 27-28 (Maui), Dec 8-9 (Kona)
 - b. Exams: Feb 11 (app due Dec 4); Aug 18 (app due Jun 17)
 - c. License renewal: Oct 15 (app due Sep 15)

E. Adjournment: May 5, 2016 – 2:00 pm

Next BOC Meeting: June 23-24, 2016 (Kauai)