

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 17-18, 2019
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Kihei WWTP Conference Room
480 Welakahao Road
Kihei, Hawaii 96753

Board Members: Robert Souza (RS), Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Gary Hutchinson (GH) HWEA
Ron Hay, P.E. (RH), Private Sector
Virgil Viernes (VV), County of Maui
Emily Dong (ED), Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Jon Nakashima, County of Kauai
Guests: Frank Rodrigues, Aqua Engineers
Chelsea Faisca, Aqua Engineers

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order: Time – 9:30 AM** **By – Robert Souza**
- B.** Review minutes of the previous Board of Certification (BOC) meeting held on September 19, 2019. Approved 6/0.
- C. Old Business**
- D. New Business**
1. Review August Exam Results, if available before the meeting
 2. DRC Notification
 - a. Honouliuli WWTP
 - i. DRC notification form accepted for Warren Abamonga (Grade 4) as primary DRC for Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 3. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. None
 4. CEU Approval (Operators)
 - a. Reviewed Gavin Nakai's college transcript. Gavin Nakai approved for 50 CEUs for Grades 1 through 4 and 8 CEUs towards Grade 3 and 4.
 5. Request for CEUs (Courses)
 - a. Taner Durusu, USEPA – Adapting to Extreme Weather Events
 - i. Denied for CEUs for Wastewater Operators.

6. Renewal Application
 - a. Clyde Kamana (Gr. 3)
 - i. Approved.
7. Request for Temporary Certification
 - a. Martin Guilmette
 - i. Approved for temporary certification Grade 4.
8. Plant Classifications
 - a. Haiku Marketplace LLC
9. CBT Exams
 - a. Review exam results between September 18, 2019 – October 15, 2019
 - i. Grade 1: 0/0 = 0%
 - ii. Grade 2: 1/2 = 50%
 - iii. Grade 3: 1/2 = 50%
 - iv. Grade 4: 1/5 = 20%
 - b. Stefan Pichl, Gr. 4, Form 1
 - i. Pending review of degree requirements. Work experience from 10/16/16 – 02/03/19 is classified as maintenance, not operation experience.
 - c. Genaro Julian, Gr. 4, Form 1
 - i. Approved to take Grade 4 Exam
 - d. Marc Nadig, Gr. 2 & 3, Form 1
 - i. Approved to take Grades 2 and 3 Exams
 - e. Justin Davidson, Gr. 1, Form 1
 - i. Approved to take Grade 1 Exam.
 - f. Gavin Nakai, Gr. 1 & 4, Form 1
 - i. Approved to take Grade 1 Exam. Grade 4 Exam pending review of degree requirements. See CEU approval above.
10. Other
 - a. Discuss Temporary Certification request.
 - i. Pending response from AG.
 - b. Aqua requested clarifications:
 - i. Owner's responsibility to submit new DRC.

- ii. HRS 340B states Board positions
- iii. UH Training Center is not affiliated with the Board

E. Adjournment: Time - 2:00PM

By – Robert Souza

Next Scheduled BOC meeting:

December 5-6, 2019, on Kona at West Hawaii Civic Center – Mayor’s Conference Room

Next BOC Activity: WW Operator Examination – TBD

Items to discuss at next meeting:

- Discuss Temporary Certification request
- Discuss bachelor's degrees considered from an accredited college or university with a major related to the wastewater treatment field.
 - Accreditation outside US
 - Majors such as electrical engineering, microbiology etc.