

Board of Certification Zoom Meeting , Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricardo de Abreu at 1:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by Suzanne Bordelon. Donovan Driskill, David Green, Connie Henry, Bubba Wynn, Wes Wyche Dr. Ricardo de Abreu, and Mia Townsel were present. Not present were Danny Hylton and Jason Creel.

First item on the agenda is the consideration of operator applications. Clinton Johnson, Separation, Level A, Southern Disposal Service. After discussion, it was noted that Clinton Johnson was testing in lieu of attending classes. A motion was made by Bubba and seconded by David. Luis Sanchez, Landfill, Level A, Woolworth Solid Waste Landfill. David made the comments that although it is not listed on his application, that he has been attending classes. There was discussion on his experience. It was noted that he did not qualify for a regular certificate but a motion was made by Bubba to issue a conditional. Seconded by Donovan. Motion passed. Joel Smith, Landfill, Level B, South Shreveport Landfill. A motion was made by Wes and seconded by Bubba to approve. Motion passed. Brian Sweet, C & D, Level A, BP Disposal, LLC. Wes Wyche had some comments regarding his experience and whether methane gas extraction qualified as experience. After discussion, both Ricardo and Bubba agreed that it did qualify. A motion was made by David Green and seconded by Bubba Wynn. Motion passed. Bridget Tillman, Landfill, Level A, DeSoto Parish Landfill. Wes made the comment that most of her experience was clerical and added that the Board has approved this type of experience in the past. David made the comment that Wardell Bowie was still at the Landfill and questioned why they needed another Level A operator. Suzanne Bordelon mentioned that Wardell will be retiring soon. Bubba made the comment that although her experience was clerical and there are some female clerical workers who take the initiative to train in the field. Wes also commented that her clerical work didn't pertain to anything regulatory. Suzanne asked about her qualifying based on the regulations stating that she only needed to hold a Level B for 2 years in order to qualify for a Level A. A vote was taken and the application was approved. Patrick Treptow, Landfill, Level B, Sabine Parish Landfill. A motion was made by Connie to approve for regular, but issue a conditional until he takes the test. Seconded by Donovan Driskill. Motion passed. Danny Young, C & D, Level B, Crochet Equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bubba and seconded by Connie to approve application.

Next item on the agenda is the review of conditional certification. Connie had some questions regarding Betty Collard and the people she supervisors. After discussion, the application was approved. A motion was made by Donovan and seconded by David. Motion passed.

Next item is the request for reciprocity by Christopher Blake Vincent. His application had been tabled from the March meeting because his hours from the Air and Waste Management conference were questionable. He has now submitted a SWANA MOLO certification. A motion was made by Bubba to approve and seconded by David. Motion passed.

Next was re-certifications (list attached). A motion was made to approve all who completed all hours by Bubba and seconded by Donovan. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by David to issue certificates to those operators whose applications were approved and who passed the test. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Wes and seconded by Connie to issue certificates to those operators whose applications were approved and will pass the test prior to the next Board meeting. Motion passed.

Next item is Committee Reports. Awards, Danny Hylton was not present. Testing, Bubba Wynn, deferred to Suzanne, who reported that approximately 5 individuals have come to the DEQ Headquarters to test since the previous meeting. Continuing Education, Connie Henry reported that LSWA will have the annual conference on September 15-17, 2021. This will take the place of the March, 2020 conference. Nominations, David Green deferred to Suzanne. Jason Creel will complete his 2nd term in October. She noted that a replacement was never submitted for their other vacancy. David Green said that he would reach out to LMA.

Mia commented that she will be retiring at the end of the year.

Ricardo questioned when the next Board meeting would take place. It was discussed that the next meeting would most likely be in September.

There was no other business and a motion was made to adjourn by Bubba and seconded by David. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.