

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN RE:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
AND TRAINING FOR SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATORS

The Public Hearing held by the Department
of Environmental Quality, Via Zoom,
beginning at 1:05 p.m., on October 25, 2022.

BEFORE:

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Hearing Officer

Bubba Wynn
Danny Hylton
Donnie Colona
Donovan Driskill
Wes Wyche
Robert Thomas
Charles Finley

Shirley Robins

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MR. DE ABREU:

So the meeting of the Board of Certification and Training for Solid Waste Management Operators will come to order. The date is October 25th, 2022. It's 1:05 p.m.

Ms. Robins, you want to do the roll call?

MS. ROBINS:

Sure. I'm Shirley Robins.
Mr. Bubba Wynn?

MR. WYNN:

Here.

MS. ROBINS:

Danny Hylton?

MR. HYLTON:

Hylton.

MS. ROBINS:

Hylton. What is the name?

MR. DE ABREU:

David Greene.

MS. ROBINS:

David Greene. He's not here.
Donnie Colona.

1 MR. COLONA:
2 Colona. Here.
3 MS. ROBINS:
4 Donovan Driskill.
5 MR. DRISKILL:
6 Driskill.
7 MS. ROBINS:
8 Driskill.
9 MR. DRISKILL:
10 Driskill. Here.
11 MS. ROBINS:
12 Donovan Driskill.
13 Jason Creel?
14 (No response.)
15 MS. ROBINS:
16 Ricardo --
17 MR. DE ABREU:
18 Try it.
19 MS. ROBINS:
20 Ricardo de Abreu.
21 MR. DE ABREU:
22 Yes. De Abreu.
23 MS. ROBINS:
24 De Abreu.
25 And Wes --

1 MR. WYCHE:

2 Wyche.

3 MS. ROBINS:

4 Wes Wyche. Okay. I'm sorry.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 So we have a quorum.

7 First thing on the agenda -- or the
8 second thing on the agenda is, I wanted
9 to welcome Mr. Donnie Colona to the
10 board. Donnie is replacing Connie. I
11 have personally been working with Donnie
12 for the past 20 years.

13 MR. COLONA:

14 Yeah.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 And I think he's going to be a -- it
17 is your first time on the board, right?

18 MR. COLONA:

19 Yes.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 So it's -- it's perfect. He has a
22 lot of experience with the day to day
23 operations of landfills. He is with the
24 Tangipahoa Parish Government, and I think
25 he's just going to be a great addition to

1 the board. I want you to tell Ms. Connie
2 thank you. I would like to tell her in
3 person, but please tell Ms. Connie that
4 we are commending her for her job on the
5 board, that we really appreciate her work
6 that she has done with the board and
7 putting everything together for us.

8 So also, I want to introduce and
9 welcome Ms. Shirley Robins to the board
10 for being the DEQ Environmental Program
11 Specialist for Solid Waste Board
12 Certification. And I know that I have
13 worked a little bit with her in the past
14 month or so, and I think she will be a
15 great addition too. I think she is going
16 to fill Ms. Suzanne Bordelon's shoes very
17 well, very well.

18 Okay. So the next item on the
19 agenda is the review of March 18, 2022,
20 and August 4, 2022, minutes. Does
21 everybody -- has everybody received the
22 minutes by mail and had a chance to
23 review?

24 MR. WYNN:

25 I make a motion that everything is

1 in order.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 All right. Motion by Mr. Bubba
4 Wynn. Do I hear a second?

5 MR. DRISKILL:

6 I second.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 A second by Mr. Driskill. Any
9 objections or comments?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Hearing none, that motion passes.

13 Next, we have the review of the
14 agenda for approval of hours for 2022
15 LSWA/DEQ workshop. Do we have anyone
16 from there that can speak about the
17 agenda?

18 MR. WYNN:

19 What's that?

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 The agenda for the next LSWA/DEQ
22 workshop.

23 MR. WYNN:

24 Is that what you're here about?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 No.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 I did not know it was on the agenda.

4 Sorry.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Okay. Okay.

7 THE COURT REPORTER:

8 Who's speaking?

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 That was Mr. Bubba Wynn.

11 So one thing that I'm going to ask
12 you guys is, please state your name
13 before speaking just because Ms. Lori is
14 doing the transcription of this meeting
15 here.

16 MR. WYNN:

17 As I was saying, didn't we review
18 those hours the last meeting?

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 I think we did.

21 MR. WYNN:

22 And I think we had them approved at
23 the last meeting.

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Okay. Okay.

1 MR. WYNN:

2 Bubba Wynn.

3 THE COURT REPORTER:

4 Thank you.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Okay.

7 MR. WYNN:

8 (Inaudible). It should not really.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 No, no. It should not. Right.

11 Right.

12 Okay. So this would be for March, I
13 think for the March --

14 MR. WYNN:

15 We'll have to resubmit.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Yeah. Maybe we can have a meeting
18 between now and then just go over those
19 --

20 MR. WYNN:

21 If I'm not mistaken, that will be
22 brought up in the December meeting.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Yes.

25 MR. WYNN:

1 That's when they usually have it.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Okay.

4 MR. WYNN:

5 And the LSWA board --

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Right.

8 MR. WYNN:

9 -- the past couple of years had all
10 of our groups and --

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Right. Okay.

13 MR. WYNN:

14 That was Bubba Wynn speaking.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Okay. Well, next item on the agenda
17 is consideration of operator
18 certifications.

19 Let's do the review of applications
20 for certification. Let's go down the
21 list. We have one, two, three, four,
22 five, six, seven, eight new applicants.

23 Let's start with Jennifer Scott.
24 She's applying for a C&D Level B,
25 Separation Level B. She's from Waste

1 Pro. And she passed the test on
2 September 7, 2022.

3 MR. WYNN:

4 (Inaudible.)

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 So she paid her dues, right?

7 MR. WYNN:

8 Yes.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Yes.

11 MR. WYNN:

12 Yeah. I see that she did, okay, all
13 right. I'm sorry.

14 MR. HYLTON:

15 This is Danny Hylton. I have a
16 question. Is she applying for a
17 conditional? It's checked off that they
18 are and replacing nobody.

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 I mean, she's got the -- I mean, she
21 has the experience to --

22 MR. HYLTON:

23 So disregard that check mark?

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Yes, I think so.

1 MR. WYNN:

2 She just marked it in the wrong
3 place, and that's all that is.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Yes. And sometimes they have
6 (inaudible). So she's applying for a --
7 not for a conditional, for a full
8 application, right?

9 MS. ROBINS:

10 Yes, sir.

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Do we hear a motion to approve her
13 application?

14 MR. WYCHE:

15 This is Wes, and I'll make that
16 motion.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 A motion by Mr. Wyche. Do we have a
19 second?

20 MR. WYNN:

21 Second.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Second by Mr. Wynn. Any comments or
24 questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Hearing none, the motion passes.

3 Next, is Tommy Conrad. Applying for
4 a Landfill Level B with Republic Service,
5 passed the test on September 21, 2022.
6 He's also replacing Keith Dunn, but I
7 think he is also applying for permanent,
8 not conditional.

9 MR. WYCHE:

10 This is Wes, and I didn't think
11 there was enough experience listed there
12 or enough time. It looks like the only
13 experience listed was from May of 2021
14 until September 2022. He's applying for
15 a Level B, so he's sitting at two -- two
16 years.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Yeah. He was paid only one year.

19 MR. WYNN:

20 He does not have the time, but he
21 could get a conditional.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 He can be a conditional and he can
24 replace someone at -- did you reach him
25 regarding --

1 MS. ROBINS:

2 Yes. That's the one I reached out
3 to and he informed me that he's replacing
4 Mr. Keith Dunn.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Right. So even if the application
7 didn't show that he's replacing someone,
8 he is replacing, so we could give him a
9 conditional, if you want.

10 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER):

11 Who does he replace?

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 Mr. Keith Dunn.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Keith Dunn. So he's applying for a
16 conditional certification. Do I hear a
17 motion one way or the other?

18 MR. WYNN:

19 Has he taken the test?

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 He passed the test on September
22 21st, 2022.

23 MR. WYNN:

24 I make a motion to give him a
25 conditional deal until he has his hours.

1 When he gets to that point in time, we
2 can give his regular certification.

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 A motion from with Mr. Wynn. Do we
5 hear a second?

6 MR. WYCHE:

7 Yes, I second that.

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 Second by Mr. Wyche. Any comments?
10 Any questions?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Hearing none, the motion passes.

14 Next is Cole Dickson. C&D Level B
15 with Krause & Managan Landfill. He has
16 not taken the test yet. He didn't take
17 the test today, right?

18 MS. ROBINS:

19 No.

20 MR. WYNN:

21 I make a motion we accept the
22 application but not give him the
23 certification until he takes the test and
24 passes.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 A motion from Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
2 second?

3 MR. DRISKILL:

4 I second.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Seconded by Mr. Driskill. Any
7 comments or questions?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Hearing none, the motion carries.

11 Next is Shane Fontana. C&D Level B,
12 also with Krause & Managan Landfill, and
13 also has not taken the test.

14 MR. WYCHE:

15 This is Wes. I would make the same
16 motion for Mr. Fontana.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 A motion by Mr. Wyche. Do we hear a
19 second?

20 MR. WYNN:

21 Second.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Second by Mr. Wynn. Any comments or
24 questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Hearing none, the motion carries.

3 Next, is Arlen Ferris. Applying for
4 C&D Level B, also from Krause & Managan
5 Landfill, and also has not taken the test
6 yet.

7 MR. HYLTON:

8 I make the same motion. This is
9 Danny Hylton.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 A motion by Mr. Danny Hylton. Do I
12 hear a second?

13 MR. WYNN:

14 And we'll award a certificate when
15 they pass the exam?

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Exam, yes.

18 MR. WYNN:

19 I second.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Second by Mr. Wynn. Any comments?
22 Any questions?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Hearing none, the motion carries.

1 Next, is Darrell Lewis, Sr. C&D
2 Level B, Krause & Managan Landfill, also
3 has not taken the test.

4 MR. WYCHE:

5 I make the -- this is Wes. I make
6 the same motion.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 So it's the same motion to grant his
9 certification upon passing the test. A
10 motion by Mr. Wyche. Do I hear a second.

11 MR. COLONA:

12 Second.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Second by Mr. Colona. Any comments
15 or questions?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Hearing none, the motion carries.

19 Next, is Nathan Johnson, C&D Level A
20 with Acadiana Landfill, also has not
21 taken the test too.

22 MS. ROBINS:

23 Mr. Nathan Johnson came in today.
24 He took and passed the test.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Okay. And passed?

2 MS. ROBINS:

3 Yes, sir.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 So he took the test today and
6 passed. Applying for a Level A, C&D
7 Level A.

8 MR. WYNN:

9 I make a motion to accept it.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 A motion by Mr. Wynn to accept the
12 application. Do I hear a second?

13 MR. COLONA:

14 Second.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Second by Mr. Colona. Any questions

17 --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 He has taken the test and passed?

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Yes, today.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Well, it's not only the application,
24 they need a certification.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Right. Right. So a motion to give
2 the certification to Mr. Nathan Johnson
3 was a motion by Mr. Wynn, and a second by
4 Mr. Colona. Any questions or comments?
5 (No response.)

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Hearing none, that motion carries.

8 The next, Paula Strickland. She's
9 applying for a Landfill Level A with
10 Union Parish Police Jury. Did she take
11 the test today?

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 She has it scheduled for the 28th.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Oh, she has it scheduled for the
16 28th, okay. Well, she has not taken the
17 test yet, but is scheduled for this week?

18 MS. ROBINS:

19 Yes. Friday.

20 MR. WYCHE:

21 This is Wes. I thought her job
22 title was interesting,
23 Secretary/Treasurer for the Police Jury,
24 but her -- her experience that she listed
25 looked to me to be -- to be good.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Any other comments for the
3 application?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Do I hear a motion one way or the
7 other?

8 MR. DRISKILL:

9 I move to approve, once she passes.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 A motion by Mr. Driskill to approve
12 the application giving certification upon
13 passing the test for Paula Strickland.
14 Do I hear a second?

15 MR. WYCHE:

16 This is Wes. I'll second.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Second by Mr. Wyche. Any comments,
19 questions?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Hearing none, the motion carries.

23 So the next on the agenda now is the
24 review for conditional certification.

25 First on the list is Chayland

1 Trabeau with C&D Level A/Separation Level
2 A. Works at Gator Landfill/Waste Pro.
3 Passed the test on September 7th, 2022.
4 She already has a Landfill Level B and
5 she is replacing Daria Ransome.

6 MR. WYCHE:

7 This is Wes. I make a motion to
8 grant.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 I just want to state something.
11 Does she have --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 She's got plenty hours.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 She's got plenty hours to give her a
16 conditional -- or permanent
17 certification. She will be granted her
18 permanent certification even if she
19 applied for --

20 MR. WYNN:

21 Yeah. I would -- I would -- well, I
22 don't know when she showed up to take the
23 test.

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Well, she passed the test --

1 MR. WYNN:

2 Is she scheduled for the test?

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 No, no. She passed the test
5 already.

6 MR. WYNN:

7 Oh, already.

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 Yes. For Level A, yes, and she has
10 a Level B already.

11 MR. WYNN:

12 I'd give her a regular
13 certification.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Okay. That's a motion?

16 MR. WYNN:

17 Yes, it is.

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 A motion by Mr. Wynn to give her
20 permanent certification for a Level A,
21 C&D Level A and Separation Level A. Do I
22 hear a second?

23 MR. DRISKILL:

24 Second.

25 MR. ABREU:

1 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
2 comments, questions?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Hearing none, the motion carries.

6 Next, is Timothy Frye.

7 Incinerator/Waste Handling Level A with
8 the City of Lake Charles Wood Waste, has
9 not taken the test, right, and I don't
10 think he has paid the application, but we
11 can review and upon approval, if he pays,
12 we can approve, if we're going to
13 approve. So let's take a look at his
14 application.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 Looks like it's on there -- here is
17 another one that has got plenty of hours
18 of work experience for full
19 certification.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Yes.

22 MR. WYNN:

23 So going back to 2015 to the present
24 at the job.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Okay.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 Is he replacing somebody?

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Yes, he's replacing someone too. He
6 appears to have the experience for Level
7 A as well.

8 MR. WYNN:

9 I would grant a conditional
10 certification, as far as replacement, but
11 at the same time, once they pass the
12 test, give him the regular certification,
13 A Level certification.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Okay. So a motion by Mr. Wynn to
16 grant that conditional certification at
17 this time, and upon passing the test, to
18 get a full certification, a permanent
19 certification. So a motion by Mr. Wynn.
20 Do I hear a second?

21 MR. COLONA:

22 Second.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Second by Mr. Colona. Any comments
25 or questions? Comments.

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Hearing none, the motion carries.

4 Next on the list the request for
5 certification by reciprocity. The person
6 on the list is Michael Howell. Landfill
7 Level A, with the Webster Parish
8 Landfill. Not taken the test. He's
9 testing in November, and the conditional
10 was approved in August 2022.

11 If I'm not mistaken, this is one
12 that didn't have the required hours last
13 -- in the last meeting that we had, and
14 we advised him to take the test to get
15 the certification, so he took the test --
16 he's going to take the test. So the
17 question now is, do we approve him upon
18 passing the test to get a certification
19 by reciprocity?

20 MR. HYLTON:

21 Does he have the necessary
22 experience?

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Yes.

25 MR. HYLTON:

1 Then we can skip reciprocity, and if
2 he passes the test, give him
3 certification.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Yes. That's a motion?

6 MR. HYLTON:

7 That's a motion.

8 MR. ABREU:

9 Motion by Mr. Danny Hylton to give
10 him certification, permanent
11 certification upon passing the test. Do
12 I hear a second?

13 MR. WYNN:

14 My question is --

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Yes.

17 MR. WYNN:

18 -- at the last meeting, that he was
19 asking for reciprocity, but he did not
20 have the information --

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Right.

23 MR. WYNN:

24 -- as far as the certificate and
25 what training he had.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Right. So if we give him --

3 MR. WYNN:

4 If he tries to do that to not have
5 to take the test --

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 We give him two options, one, with
8 him to provide that information to us in
9 this meeting or take the test.

10 MR. WYNN:

11 And this is the information. He did
12 provide that for us, am I correct?

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Yes. Yes.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 I think that he's showing right now
17 in (inaudible).

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Yes.

20 MR. WYNN:

21 So I would say -- I would make the
22 recommendation to give him reciprocity
23 and just go ahead and give him his A
24 Level -- his certification.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 So you're saying that he doesn't
2 need to take the test?

3 MR. WYNN:

4 Not really.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Okay. So -- all right. So in the
7 last meeting, we said that he would
8 provide the information, which he has --

9 MR. WYNN:

10 He did do.

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 -- he did, or he would take the
13 test. Okay. So --

14 MR. WYNN:

15 Now, if he wants to take the test, I
16 don't have a problem with that.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 But you want to make a motion to
19 approve him based on the information that
20 he --

21 MR. WYNN:

22 (Inaudible).

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Okay.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 I don't have his file, so I don't
2 really know what you're looking at.

3 MR. WYNN:

4 Now, would you like to look at it
5 Danny?

6 MR. HYLTON:

7 (Inaudible).

8 MR. WYNN:

9 I mean, he's got all his
10 certifications.

11 MR. HYLTON:

12 Right. (Inaudible.)

13 I mean, it's probably okay, if he
14 agrees to take that test.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 Right.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Well, we have to see if we have to
19 make him take the test or not. That's
20 the --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 We gave him a choice.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Well, we gave a choice, give this
25 information or --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 Well, he's scheduled for November
3 test, so he's agreeing to that too.

4 MS. ROBINS:

5 He called and scheduled -- he called
6 and --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 You know what --

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 I mean, I don't see a reason for him
11 to take the test if we are going to
12 approve this -- his documents -- yes, all
13 documents. So there's no point of him
14 taking the test.

15 MR. WYCHE:

16 Right. This is Wes. I have a
17 question. I notice that his Arkansas
18 certificate has an expiration date of
19 June 2022. So that would mean he would
20 -- I think it was mentioned at the last
21 meeting that Arkansas had extended
22 certification -- or that certificate
23 until the end of the year? If they
24 didn't, then his certification would have
25 lapsed and he wouldn't be eligible for

1 reciprocity. So --

2 MR. WYNN:

3 At this point in time, he had
4 moved from Arkansas to Louisiana.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Yes. I mean, the last --

7 MR. WYNN:

8 So we did not ask --

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Yes. He brought -- he brought his
11 application to our last meeting, right?

12 No.

13 MR. WYCHE:

14 To get reciprocity -- this is Wes
15 again. To get reciprocity, you'd have to
16 have a valid certificate from the state
17 you're trying to get reciprocity from.
18 What he's got here, looks like it expired
19 in June of 2022. I seem to remember at
20 the last meeting, there was some mention
21 that Arkansas extended it until the end
22 of the year, but I may be wrong about
23 that.

24 MR. WYNN:

25 Was there something because of the

1 Covid situation?

2 MR. WYCHE:

3 Possible.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 The date of his application is May.
6 So when he submitted that to the board,
7 he was. So I think -- I don't want to
8 over penalize him, because he didn't
9 extend -- because we didn't approve it
10 earlier, or sooner.

11 MR. WYCHE:

12 This is Wes. And that does make
13 sense.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 So let's make a motion.

16 MR. WYNN:

17 I did.

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Okay. What is the motion again,
20 Bubba?

21 MR. WYNN:

22 The motion is go ahead and give him
23 his certification with reciprocity from
24 Arkansas.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Okay. Motion by Mr. Wynn to approve
2 the certification for a Level A, Landfill
3 Level A, to Mr. Michael Howell. Do I
4 hear a second?

5 MR. COLONA:

6 Second.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Second by Mr. Colona. Any
9 questions, comments?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Hearing none, the motion passes.

13 Okay. Next on the agenda, we have
14 the review of applications for
15 recertification. So we have -- we've
16 received three completed applications,
17 has all the hours, fees were paid, by Mr.
18 Jeremy Washington, Jr., Landfill Level B,
19 C&D Level B; Sherman Youngblood, Landfill
20 Level B; and Christopher Smith, Landfill
21 Level B. All three had the applications
22 in on time and has all the 40 hours
23 completed.

24 Do I hear a motion to approve those
25 applications for recertification?

1 MR. WYCHE:

2 This is Wes. I'll make that motion.

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 Motion by Mr. Wyche.

5 MR. DRISKILL:

6 Donovan. I'll second it.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
9 comments or questions?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Hearing none, the motion passes.

13 Next, we have two applicants that
14 have incomplete recertification
15 applications. One by Ms. Mary DuPree,
16 C&D Level B. She has 20 hours. She is
17 obtaining the last 20. Did she attend
18 this workshop, Shirley?

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 She didn't come this month, so I
21 don't know if she's in there now.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Okay. So let's go one by one on
24 this one. So Mary DuPree, she doesn't
25 have the hours. She only has 20 hours,

1 and she will obtain the last 20 hours.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 How is she going to obtain the next
4 20 hours --

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Yes.

7 MR. WYNN:

8 -- and she's not showing up for this
9 workshop?

10 MR. WYCHE:

11 This is Wes. When would she have to
12 obtain those 20 hours for her certificate
13 not to lapse?

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 She needs to have 20 hours in three
16 months after her certification expires.

17 Mr. Garret?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Yeah. This is (inaudible). The
20 training has to be done before the
21 certificate expired. You have a 90 day
22 grace period to renew, but the training
23 --

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Right.

1 MR. WYCHE:

2 This is Wes. Do we know when hers
3 is currently set to expire?

4 MS. ROBINS:

5 September 20, 2022.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 So is there a motion to deny the
8 application?

9 MR. WYCHE:

10 Wes. I'll make that motion, based
11 on that information.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Now, remember that we also always
14 have the -- the option as the board to
15 approve the applicant's certification,
16 even if the person doesn't have the
17 training. That's an exceptionable
18 condition that we have that option to do.

19 MR. WYCHE:

20 Why would you though?

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 That is a good question. Do you
23 want to know how many hours she has or
24 how much experience she has and you can
25 make a -- perhaps a certain period of

1 time to complete the hours? I mean, I --
2 that's -- I would say that it's a very
3 exceptional condition.

4 MR. WYCHE:

5 Well, you know -- this is Wes. To
6 me, that might apply if there was come
7 extenuating circumstance, you know, that
8 she provides to the board.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 She will have to explain why. So,
11 Mr. Wyche, do you want to make a motion
12 to deny the application?

13 MR. WYCHE:

14 Yes.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 A motion by Mr. Wyche to deny the
17 application. Do I hear a second?

18 MR. WYNN:

19 Second.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Second by Mr. Wynn. Any comments or
22 questions?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Hearing none, the motion carries.

1 The next one is Eldon Ewing. C&D
2 Level B, Town of Ball, 30 hours,
3 obtaining the last ten.

4 Was Mr. Ewing in the workshop today?

5 MS. ROBINS:

6 Not this morning, but I'm not sure
7 if he's here.

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 And when did his certificate expire?

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 It expired October 22nd, 2022.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 October 22nd. Just expired.

14 MR. WYCHE:

15 I hate to be the one making motions
16 to deny, but -- this is Wes. Same
17 situation. So based on that information,
18 the hours haven't been obtained by the
19 date the certificate expired, a couple
20 days ago, absent any justified
21 extenuating circumstances, I don't see
22 that we have any choice but to do that.
23 So I would make that motion.

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 I have a question.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Yes, please.

3 MS. ROBINS:

4 How do we know if they're in there
5 right now to get any credit for the
6 certification?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 We can try to get confirmation.

9 (An off-the-record conversation
10 occurred.)

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 Ricardo, if you want to, we can
13 table this until (inaudible) gets here
14 and go ahead and deal with the rest.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Yes. Let's table that for now. Is
17 this a motion to table for now?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Well, there's a motion or --

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Let's go on and then we can go back
22 to this.

23 Next is the issuance of operator
24 certificates.

25 Oh, Ms. Scott is here.

1 (An off-the-record conversation
2 occurred.)

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 But she's still missing ten hours.
5 She still needs ten hours, so --

6 MR. WYNN:

7 Well, what does she get -- well,
8 her certification is already expired?

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Expired. Yes. So do I hear a
11 motion to --

12 MR. WYNN:

13 You go back to denying, and I make a
14 motion to deny Eldon Ewing's
15 certification because of a lack of hours.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 A motion by Mr. Wynn to deny the
18 application of the recertification. Do I
19 hear a second?

20 MR. WYCHE:

21 This is Wes. I'll second.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Second by Mr. Wyche. Any comments
24 or questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Hearing none, the motion carries.

3 Next, issuance of operator
4 certificates. Ms. Robins, could you
5 please make a list of everybody that
6 we're issuing certifications today?

7 MS. ROBINS:

8 The names?

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 The names of everybody that we're
11 issuing certificates today.

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 Okay. So I have Jennifer Scott.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 All right.

16 MS. ROBINS:

17 Tommy Lee Conrad.

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Conrad, yeah.

20 MS. ROBINS:

21 And Cole Dickson.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Cole Dickson, we cannot give a
24 certificate because he has not taken the
25 test yet.

1 MS. ROBINS:

2 Okay. So don't name the ones that
3 need the test?

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Right. That we can't give the
6 certificate because he has to pass the
7 test.

8 MS. ROBINS:

9 Okay. So just everybody --

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 Correct.

12 MR. WYCHE:

13 This is Wes. Didn't we, on Tommy
14 Conrad, was that one that --

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 Conditional.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Conditional, yes.

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 He's approved for conditional, but
21 he's still approved, correct?

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Yes. Approved. Yes.

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 Okay. And I have Nathan Johnson

1 approved.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Nathan Johnson has not been -- he's
4 took the test and passed it, yes. So
5 he's approved.

6 MS. ROBINS:

7 Okay. So we don't need Paula's.
8 And I have Chayland -- Chayland -- I
9 can't pronounce the last name.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 Oh, Trabeau.

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 Trabeau.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Yes.

16 MS. ROBINS:

17 And I have -- well -- okay. And
18 Michael --

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 Michael Howell.

21 MS. ROBINS:

22 -- Howell approved. Correct?

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 That's correct.

25 MS. ROBINS:

1 And Jeremy Washington approved.

2 Sherman Youngblood approved. Christopher
3 Smith approved.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Okay. So is there a motion to
6 approve the applications on the issuance
7 of operator certificates of Jennifer
8 Scott, Tommy Lee Conrad, Nathan Johnson,
9 Chayland Trabeau, Michael Howell, Jeremy
10 Washington, Sr., Sherman Youngblood, and
11 Christopher Smith? A motion anyone?

12 MR. WYCHE:

13 I have a question. Is there only
14 one conditional among those? And that
15 was Tommy Conrad?

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Yes.

18 MR. WYCHE:

19 All the rest of them are full
20 certificates?

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Yes.

23 MR. WYCHE:

24 I'll make that motion.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Motion by Mr. Wyche. Do I hear a
2 second?

3 MR. DRISKILL:

4 I'll second it.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
7 comments or questions?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Hearing none, the motion passes.

11 Next is the committee reports.

12 Awards, Danny Hylton.

13 MR. HYLTON:

14 Nothing to report.

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Testing, Bubba Wynn.

17 MR. WYNN:

18 I will have to rely on Shirley to
19 give me how many people tested today.

20 MS. ROBINS:

21 How many we had test today?

22 MR. WYNN:

23 Today.

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 Five.

1 MR. WYNN:

2 Five.

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 All passed everything?

5 MS. ROBINS:

6 Four passed.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Four passed. Good.

9 Next, is continuing education. Mr.
10 Wes Wyche?

11 MR. WYCHE:

12 And I have no report that I know of.

13 MR. WYNN:

14 There were 45 people in the class
15 today. And our next class is in
16 Lafayette.

17 MR. WYCHE:

18 I second that report.

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 For nominating, David Greene. But
21 David Greene is not here.

22 When do we have to send the names
23 for nomination? Do you remember?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25 Should have sent it in by now.

1 Usually -- in this case, this is going to
2 be your last meeting. Usually, the
3 October meeting is the last meeting and
4 the new people take over in early
5 December.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Okay. So did we receive any
8 nominations so far?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 No. And actually, you -- you don't
11 even submit it -- the board doesn't
12 submit the nominations.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Oh, okay.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 It's (inaudible) association or the
17 municipal association or the (inaudible)
18 or the industry folks. Somebody has to
19 request it for -- yeah, generally, the
20 -- board would request from the
21 (inaudible) Association, such and such
22 member's term is expiring, could you
23 please nominate somebody else, and send
24 the nomination to the secretary.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Okay. Then I'll touch base with Mr.
2 David Greene and we'll see.

3 I'm just going to switch something
4 on the agenda before we go to other
5 business. I'm now going to bring
6 approval of certification for Donnie
7 Colona. As you know, Donnie Colona
8 joined the board, and today is his first
9 meeting and as we always do, is to
10 approve Level A certifications for a
11 board member, all Level A certifications
12 for a board member. So do I hear a
13 motion to approve to issue all Level A
14 certifications?

15 MR. WYNN:

16 I make that motion.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 A motion by Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
19 second?

20 MR. DRISKILL:

21 Second.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
24 comments? Any questions? Any
25 complaints?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Hearing none, the motion passes.
4 Congratulations, Mr. Colona.

5 MR. COLONA:

6 Thank you.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Other business, anyone else has any
9 other business that they want to discuss
10 at this meeting?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 I just want to bring one thing. I
14 received a -- I don't want to say a
15 complaint, but a comment that the board
16 in the past used to approve certificates
17 from (inaudible) for continuing education
18 and it seems that's not the case anymore.
19 And we just want to give some guidance to
20 --

21 MR. WYNN:

22 I think we do allow for some -- like
23 if they go to Mississippi and get their
24 hours, we do accept their hours.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Okay.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 As long as they bring us back one of
4 the agendas of whatever the agenda they
5 had.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 You're right. And I think that
8 we're at the point that this has always
9 been a contentious, maybe make a list of
10 -- of course that we approve it, that we
11 can approve by the board. I mean, what
12 is it accepted -- is it a case by case
13 basis?

14 MR. WYNN:

15 I think it's on a really case by
16 case basis.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Okay. I think the question that the
19 person had to me was, how do I make sure
20 that the person that I sent is going to
21 receive his approval by the board.

22 MR. WYNN:

23 Well, if it's stamped with a solid
24 waste or, you know, operations over solid
25 waste, it would be approved by the board.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Mr. (inaudible).

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 If we -- if they have the agenda
5 ahead of time, they can submit it to
6 ya'll ahead of time for approval --

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Right.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 -- you know, before they spend the
11 money and actually go to the conference.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Right.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

15 That would be the preferable way.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 The preferable way to do it.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Most of them do it after the fact.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Yes. Yes.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 And they're not guaranteed that
24 ya'll would approve it, because it
25 depends on what their agenda is.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Yes. Makes sense.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 I have a comment.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Yes.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 Since it's my last meeting, I just
9 want to say that I disagree with that.

10 If they're going to practice our business
11 in our state, they should go to our
12 conference.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 True.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 Well, I totally agree with you. I
17 mean, it would make --

18 (An off-the-record conversation
19 occurred.)

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 I understand. That's not a legal
22 defense.

23 MR. WYNN:

24 Yeah. Well, that's -- it's shared
25 by a lot of people. It is.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Is there any other business?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 So I think the other thing is, are
6 we keeping track of how long after a
7 board member is in the -- as part of the
8 board, like how many years and things
9 like that?

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 What I was doing -- I mean, it's --
12 they told me expiration dates, so --

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Oh, okay.

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 Maybe --

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 And you're going to --

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 When you termed out.

21 MR. WYNN:

22 Can you give us that latest rundown?

23 MS. ROBINS:

24 You wanted it like --

25 MR. WYNN:

1 Like just verbally.

2 MS. ROBINS:

3 Okay. I can verbally. Mr. Donnie
4 Hylton, it's term 10/8. Term 10/8. Mr.
5 Jason, term 10/8.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Jason Creel?

8 MS. ROBINS:

9 Yeah. I have on here 10/8.
10 Actually, 10/8/2021. I don't know how
11 updated this list is. Mr. Donovan, term
12 10/8/2023. Mr. Richard, 10/8/2024.
13 David, 10/8/2023. Mr. Donnie, 10/9/2024.
14 Mr. Bubba, 10/8/22. And Mr. Wes,
15 10/8/2023.

16 MR. WYNN:

17 So those dates, you see that's one
18 term.

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 Okay.

21 MR. WYNN:

22 And I don't if that's their first
23 term or second term. They can serve --

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 Well, they had -- so they do have --

1 well, Mr. Wynn, it's his first term.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 Yeah.

4 MS. ROBINS:

5 Your first term.

6 MR. WYNN:

7 Yeah.

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 Okay. Any other comments?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 I've been on the board for several
12 terms. (Inaudible).

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 I'm glad too, sharing his experience
15 with us.

16 MR. WYNN:

17 He brings a lot of value to this
18 board.

19 MR. DE ARBEU:

20 We're not doing too badly, right?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 Not too bad.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Not too bad. Okay.

25 MS. ROBINS:

1 I do have a question.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Yes.

4 MS. ROBINS:

5 So one of the guys that came in
6 today to take the test, he handed me his
7 application, so do we have to wait until
8 the next board meeting to --

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Yes.

11 MS. ROBINS:

12 Okay.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Yes.

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 All right.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 And we'll try to schedule a meeting
19 for probably December.

20 (An off-the-record conversation
21 occurred.)

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 All right. Next, public comments?

24 Just one member of the public.

25 Okay. Do I hear a motion to adjourn

1 the meeting?

2 MR. HYLTON:

3 Motion.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 A motion by Mr. Hylton. Do I hear a
6 second?

7 MR. DRISKILL:

8 Second.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
11 comments?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Hearing none, the motion carries and
15 the meeting is adjourned.

16 **THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 1:58 P.M.**

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