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2	BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING	
3	FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATORS PATTERSON, LA	
4	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023	
5	10:00 A.M.	
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9	The above-entitled cause came in for a	
10	Board meeting on Friday, December 8, 2023, commencing at 10:00 a.m.	
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1	(The meeting was called to order and
2	proceeded as follows:)
3	MR. DE ABREU:
4	All right. The meeting of the Board
5	of Certification Training for Solid
6	Waste Management Operators come to
7	order, date of December 8th, 2023. It
8	is 10:11 a.m. Ms. Robins, can we have
9	the roll call, please?
10	MS. ROBINS:
11	Okay. My name is Shirley Robins.
12	We have Mr. Ricardo
13	MR. DE ABREU:
14	De Abreu.
15	MS. ROBINS:
16	de Abreu.
17	MR. DE ABREU:
18	Here.
19	MS. ROBINS:
20	Bubba Wynn.
21	MR. WYNN:
22	Here.
23	MS. ROBINS:
24	Richard LeBouef.
25	MR. LEBOUEF:

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1	Here.			
2	MS. ROBINS:			
3	Donnie Colona.			
4	MR. COLONA:			
5	Here.			
6	MS. ROBINS:			
7	Donovan Driskill.			
8	MR. DRISKILL:			
9	Here.			
10	MS. ROBINS:			
11	Jason Brancamp.		91	
12	MR. BRANCAMP:			
13	Brancamp.			
14	MS. ROBINS:			
15	Brancamp.			
16	MR. BRANCAMP:			
17	Here.			
18	MS. ROBINS:			
19	And Robert, Mr. Robert Thomas.			
20	MR. THOMAS:			
21	Present.			
22	MR. DE ABREU:			
23	All right. We have a quorum.	Do we		
24	have anyone who have not received the	e		
25	meeting's agenda? Everybody receive	d		

1	the meeting's agenda?
2	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
3	I think so.
4	MR. DE ABREU:
5	Awesome. So the first item is the
6	review of the October 23, 2023, minutes.
7	Ms. Shirley Robins sent to everybody.
8	You should have that. We have a motion
9	to
10	MR. DRISKILL:
11	I move to approve them.
12	MR. DE ABREU:
13	Okay. Motion by Mr. Driskill. Do I
14	hear a second?
15	MR. LEBOUEF:
16	Second.
17	MR. DE ABREU:
18	Second by Mr. LeBouef. Any
19	comments? Hearing none, the motion
20	carries.
21	Then we had the review of the agenda
22	for approval hours for 2024 LSWA/DEQ
23	conference. If you please, Ms. Suzanne.
24	MS. BORDELON:
25	Yeah, hi. Good morning, everyone.

1 I'm Suzanne Bordelon. I'm with LSWA, 2 and I've given you a copy of the 3 proposed agenda for the LSWA annual conference that will be held March the 4 5 14th and 15th, in Lafayette. And if you look at the agenda and look at the 6 7 different time slots, we have -- I've 8 added up hours here on the first day, 9 added four hours on the second day to 10 five hours, which is nine hours. But if 11 you're -- we we're taking into consideration the exhibitor's 12 13 spotlights, which is the breaks, because 14 we will have some of our exhibitors --15 we have -- we're gonna have a designated 16 area where the attendees can go and 17 listen to a spotlight by the exhibitors. 18 So we're try -- we're counting those as, 19 as hours also. And there's five of 20 those. So let's see, wait, one, two, 21 three, four of them. So that's an 22 additional two hours, so we're looking at a total of 11 hours. And this --23 24 LSWA is asking this Board to consider 25 this conference for -- we're asking for

1 10 hours of continuing education for the 2 --

MR. DE ABREU:

Correct. Mr. Bordelon, and these -for these exhibitors, there'll be a, a
way to, to confirm that the person
attended this?

MS. BORDELON:

Just -- well, that, that's gonna be a whole -- we're gonna have a whole other way of confirming however, how attendees are attending the, the courses.

MR. DE ABREU:

Okay.

MS. BORDELON:

So yeah, so we're gonna have a designated spot for the exhibitor to do their spotlight and for the attendees to go, everybody gather in one spot to listen to it. We have -- I have two names of the exhibitors right now.

Waypoint Analytical and SGS Engineers are, are two of the four that have agreed to do the, the spotlight.

1	MR. DE ABREU:
2	Very good, Ms. Bordelon. I'm
3	looking forward for the conference
4	MS. BORDELON:
5	Okay. Thank you.
6	MR. DE ABREU:
7	for sure. Right here, a motion
8	to approve the agenda for 2024
9	conference?
10	MR. WYNN:
11	I make a motion.
12	MR. DE ABREU:
13	A motion by Mr. Wynn, Mr. Wynn. Do
14	I hear a second?
15	MR. DRISKILL:
16	I'll second.
17	MR. DE ABREU:
18	Seconded by Mr. Driskill. Any
19	comments? Hearing none, the motion
20	carries.
21	Next is the consideration of
22	operator certifications. First item is
23	the review applications for
24	certification. Let's go down the list.
25	First one is Mason Pierron. He, he test

1	for Incinerator Level A. He's applying
2	for Incinerator Level A license. He's
3	from American Advanced Technologies, and
4	he passed the test on October 23, 2023.
5	Just if you look at his application, it
6	seems that he has about two hours, which
7	is should not be enough
8	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
9	Two, two years.
10	MR. DE ABREU:
11	for a Level A.
12	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
13	Two years.
14	MR. DE ABREU:
15	Only two years of experience, yes.
16	MR. WYNN:
17	My recommendation would be for a
18	I would put forward a motion that I
19	would give him a B Level certification,
20	and then if they need a A Level
21	certification, to have him to reapply,
22	reapply for a conditional, A Level
23	conditional.
24	MR. DE ABREU:
25	Thank you. That's when, like he

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1	substitutes with someone?	
2	MR. WYNN:	
3	Right. Right.	
4	MR. DE ABREU:	
5	That's a motion? Motion by Mr.	
6	Wynn. Hear a second?	
7	MR. COLONA:	
8	Second.	
9	MR. DE ABREU:	
10	Seconded by Mr. Colona. Any	
11	comments? So just to recap, we are	
12	giving him a Level B certification, and	
13	he is will be able to apply for a	
14	Level A if, conditional if he, he	
15	substitutes someone. Yes, Mr. LeBouef?	
16	MR. LEBOUEF:	
17	I can wait on the next one. I don't	
18	want to jump ahead, but on the next one	
19	I think we're gonna run into the same	
20	thing on it.	
21	MR. WYNN:	
22	Well, the next one is not even a	
23	MR. LEBOUEF:	
24	Yeah, he	
25	MR. WYNN:	

1	He don't even qualify for it,	
2	basically.	
3	MR. DE ABREU:	
4	So that's a motion by Mr. LeBoeuf to	
5	give him a Level B, maybe a Level A?	
6	MR. LEBOUEF:	
7	Correct.	
8	MR. DE ABREU:	
9	Do I hear a second?	
10	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
11	On which one now? Which one are you	
12		
13	MR. DE ABREU:	
14	The first one, Mason Pierron.	
15	Nobody second yet.	
16	MR. WYNN:	
17	LeBouef did.	
18	MR. LEBOUEF:	
19	He made the motion, I seconded.	
20	MR. DE ABREU:	
21	Oh, you second. Seconded by Mr.	
22	LeBouef. Any comments? Hearing none,	
23	the motion carries.	
24	MS. ROBINS:	
25	I have a question.	

1	MR	. DE ABREU:	
2		Yes.	
3	MS	. ROBINS:	
4		You approved Level B until he passed	
5	the	e test?	
6	MR	. DE ABREU:	
7		Until he passed the test.	
8	MS	. ROBINS:	
9		Okay.	
10	MR	. DE ABREU:	
11		We are approving, we are approving	
12			
13	MS	. ROBINS:	
14		Level B.	
15	MR	. DE ABREU:	
16		only the certifications, not	
17	apı	proving	
18	MS	. ROBINS:	
19		Okay.	
20	MR	. DE ABREU:	
21		I mean, the, the, the	
22	apı	plications.	
23	MS	. ROBINS:	
24	*	Okay.	
25	MR	. DE ABREU:	

1	Only the applications we are		
2	approving today. He has he still has		
3	to do a Level B test.		
4	MS. ROBINS:		
5	Test.		
6	MR. DE ABREU:		
7	Second, I have Kane Dardar,		
8	Incinerator Level A, American Advanced		
9	Technologies. He passed the test on		
10	October 23, 2023. I assume it that's		
11	the Level A testing that he passed?		
12	MS. ROBINS:		
13	Uh-huh (affirmative).		
14	MR. DE ABREU:		
15	And he seems he also doesn't have		
16	enough time.		
17	MR. WYNN:		
18	This person only has five months of		
19	experience. I you know, he's not		
20	really qualified for an A Level		
21	certification.		
22	MR. DE ABREU:		
23	Right. So		
24	MR. WYNN:		
25	Here's another question. If they		

1	are needing the operators just to fill
2	these positions, the A and B Level,
3	maybe you should reapply for a B Level
4	certification, conditional.
5	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
6	Conditional B?
7	MR. WYNN:
8	Yeah.
9	MR. DE ABREU:
10	But again, the point I think we have
11	to deny is
12	MR. WYNN:
13	At this point, we'll deny this
14	application.
15	MR. DE ABREU:
16	Okay. So I hear a motion to deny
17	his application for a Level A
18	Incinerator.
19	MR. LEBOUEF:
20	I will second that motion.
21	MR. DE ABREU:
22	A motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Mr.
23	LeBouef. Any comments? Hearing none,
24	the motion carries.
25	Then you have Logan Hoffpauir, C&D

1	Level B, on Chaney Trucking,
2	Incorporated. He passed the test on
3	November 17, 2023. Do we have any
4	comments on the application?
5	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
6	Seven and a half years.
7	MR. DRISKILL:
8	I move we approve.
9	MR. DE ABREU:
10	A motion by Mr. Driskill. Do I hear
11	a second?
12	MR. WYNN:
13	I'll second.
14	MR. DE ABREU:
15	Seconded by Mr. Wynn. Any comments?
16	Hearing none, the motion carries. Yes?
17	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
18	Ricardo, before we go to the next
19	one, let's go back to the first one that
20	we were giving the B Level certification
21	on.
22	MR. DE ABREU:
23	Okay.
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
25	If he passed the A Level

1	certification, he does not have to pass	
2	a B Level certification?	
3	MR. DE ABREU:	
4	The test.	
5	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
6	The test.	
7	MR. DE ABREU:	
8	He didn't pass the Level B test. He	
9	needs to take the Level B test.	
10	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
11	No, if he's already passed	
12	MR. DE ABREU:	
13	Passed the level, even if he passed	
14	the Level A test.	
15	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
16	He still has to take the B Level?	
17	MR. DE ABREU:	
18	He has to take the B Level test.	
19	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
20	He does?	
21	MR. DE ABREU:	
22	Yes, he does.	
23	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
24	Why?	
25	MR. DE ABREU:	

1	Because he's applying for a Level B	
2	certification, not the Level A.	
3	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
4	But if Level B's on the A?	
5	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
6	Yeah.	
7	MR. DE ABREU:	
8	Well	
9	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
10	If he passed the A, then the B is	
11	you already	
12	MR. DE ABREU:	
13	Well, it's a different test. It's a	
14	different test. And the regulations	
15	specifically says you have to pass a	
16	Level B test to apply for a Level B	
17	certificate. It doesn't say you have to	
18	have a Level B or a Level A test.	
19	MR. WYNN:	
20	He shouldn't have a problem.	
21	MR. DE ABREU:	
22	I'm not making up. It's in the	
23	regulations.	
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
25	And it's quoted like scripture.	

1	MR. DRISKILL:
2	Okay.
3	MR. DE ABREU:
4	Okay.
5	MR. DRISKILL:
6	We're all straightened out on that.
7	MR. DE ABREU:
8	Next, Kaleb Benoit, Lanfill Level B,
9	St. Landry Parish. Passed test on May
10	17th, 2023.
11	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
12	I don't want to be biased, but I'll
13	make that motion.
14	MR. DE ABREU:
15	Motion to, to approve the, the
16	application. Do I hear a second?
17	MR. DRISKILL:
18	I'll second it.
19	MR. DE ABREU:
20	Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
21	comments?
22	MR. WYNN:
23	Why'd they wait so long?
24	MR. DE ABREU:
25	I'm sorry?

1	MR. WYNN:	
2	Why do they take the test in May and	
3	just now sending it in (inaudible).	
4	MS. ROBINS:	
5	He	
6	MR. LEBOUEF:	
7	Well, when he, when he took the test	
8	in May, he didn't have enough time. He	
9	had a conditional.	
10	MR. WYNN:	
11	Is that what it was?	
12	MS. ROBINS:	
13	Yes, he had a conditional.	
14	MR. WYNN:	
15	He had a conditional?	
16	MR. LEBOUEF:	
17	Yes, sir.	
18	MR. DE ABREU:	
19	Yes, he, he has a conditional and	
20	then he now is applying for regular	
21	certificate. That's correct, Mr.	
22	LeBouef?	
23	MR. LEBOUEF:	
24	That's correct.	
25	MS. ROBINS:	

1 Yes. 2 MR. DE ABREU: 3 Okay. MR. WYNN: 5 All right. MR. DE ABREU: 6 7 All right. Any other comments? Hearing none, the motion carries. 8 Next on the list would be the review 9 10 application for recertification. Let's 11 go over the complete recertification applications. Let's go one by one on 12 this ones. 13 14 So we have Michael Weekley, C&D 15 Level A, for AMID/Metro Partnership. He 16 has 40 hours in, LSWA courses. Next, we 17 have Percy Hollins, C&D Level B, 18 AMID/Metro Partnership. He also has 40 19 hours, LSWA course. Joshua Kritzer is a 20 little bit different. He is applying 21 for extension on Landfill Level B 22 Conditional, for St. Landry Parish. And 23 he has ten hours that were taken before 24 the -- he proactive took before his 25 Level B certification. So he, he is in

1	accordance with also what's required by	
2	the regulations.	
3	So do I hear a motion to approve all	
4	these three applications?	
5	MR. DRISKILL:	
6	I'll make a motion.	
7	MR. DE ABREU:	
8	A motion by Mr. Driskill. Do I hear	
9	a second?	
10	MR. COLONA:	
11	I second.	
12	MR. DE ABREU:	
13	Second by Mr. Donovan sorry, Mr.	
14	Colona. Any comments? Hearing none,	
15	the motion carries.	
16	Next, we have incomplete to	
17	recertification applications. We have	
18	just one by Brent Broussard. He's	
19	applying Incinerator Level A, from	
20	American Advanced Technologies. And he	
21	has only 20 hours. So unless the board	
22	thinks different, I, I think we should	
23	deny this recertification.	
24	MR. WYNN:	
25	I make a motion we deny it.	

1	MR. DE ABREU:	
2	A motion by Mr. Wynn to deny the,	
3	the application. Do I hear a second?	
4	MR. LEBOUEF:	
5	I'll second it.	
6	MR. DE ABREU:	
7	Second by Mr. LeBoeuf. Any	
8	comments? Hearing none, the motion	
9	carries.	
10	So Ms. Shirley, can you please go	
11	through the list of all the applicants	
12	that we're issuing operator certificates	
13	today?	
14	MS. ROBINS:	
15	We have Mr. Logan Hoff	
16	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
17	Hoffpauier.	
18	MS. ROBINS:	
19	Hoff, Hoffpauier.	
20	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
21	Hoffpauier.	
22	MR. DE ABREU:	
23	Hoffpauier.	
24	MS. ROBINS:	
25	Hoffpauier. Mr. Logan Hoffpauier,	

1	Kaleb Benoit, Michael Weekley, Percy
2	Hollins, Joshua
3	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
4	Kritzer.
5	MS. ROBINS:
6	Kritzer.
7	MR. DE ABREU:
8	Do I hear a motion to approve all
9	these applications to receive
10	MR. LEBOUEF:
11	I motion.
12	MR. DE ABREU:
13	their operator's certificate? A
14	motion by Mr. LeBouef. Do I hear a
15	second?
16	MR. DRISKILL:
17	I second.
18	MR. DE ABREU:
19	Second by Mr. Driskill. Any
20	comments? Hearing none, the motion
21	carries.
22	So let's go now over the committee
23	reports. First, Awards Committee, Mr.
24	LeBouef.
25	MR. LEBOUEF:

1	I have nothing at this time.		
2	MR. DE ABREU:		
3	Did we, did we receive any		
4	applications for any of the		
5	MR. WYNN:		
6	We've got one coming in, but it's		
7	(inaudible) getting here.		
8	MR. DE ABREU:		
9	Okay. So we should extend till the		
10	end of the year probably to have a		
11	meeting to approve in January. I appear		
12	it can be a virtual meeting in		
13	January.		
14	MR. WYNN:		
15	Right. Right.		
16	MR. DE ABREU:		
17	And did we receive any Level A's or		
18	Level B's?		
19	MS. ROBINS:		
20	No.		
21	MR. DE ABREU:		
22	So we need to make an effort to try		
23	to find candidates.		
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:		
25	Mr. Chairman, I called on my mentor		

1	to guide me through that, that first	
2	step.	
3	MR. WYNN:	
4	Did we have any, anybody take a	
5	test?	
6	MS. ROBINS:	
7	No.	
8	MR. DE ABREU:	
9	No.	
10	MS. ROBINS:	
11	Not recently, no.	
12	MR. WYNN:	
13	I'll have to find me a (inaudible)	
14	test.	
15	MR. DE ABREU:	
16	Okay. Nobody taking testing.	
17	MS. ROBINS:	
18	No.	
19	MR. DE ABREU:	
20	So we have one spot now open, vacant	
21	for continuing education. I think	
22	that's your time now, Mr., Mr. Driskill?	
23	MR. DRISKILL:	
24	Oh	
25	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	

1	Whoops.	
2	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
3	I was going to say congratulations.	
4	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
5	Missed it by that much.	
6	MR. DE ABREU:	
7	Any other nominations? I make a	
8	nomination for Mr. Driskill. Do we have	
9	any, any other ones?	
10	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
11	If you need a second or third on	
12	that, I'm in.	
13	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
14	I second.	
15	MR. DE ABREU:	
16	Do you accept the nomination, Mr.	
17	Driskill?	
18	MR. DRISKILL:	
19	I'll accept it.	
20	MR. DE ABREU:	
21	Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve	
22	his nomination? A motion by Mr.	
23	LeBouef. Do I hear a second?	
24	MR. THOMAS:	
25	Second.	

1	MR. DE ABREU:
2	Seconded by Mr. Thomas.
3	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:
4	You're an (inaudible) saying it,
5	too.
6	MR. DE ABREU:
7	Any comments? Hearing none, the
8	motion carries. Congratulations, Mr.
9	Driskill.
10	MR. DRISKILL:
11	Oh, thank you.
12	MR. DE ABREU:
13	Next, Nominating, Donnie Colona. Do
14	you have anything for us today?
15	MR. COLONA:
16	No.
17	MR. DE ABREU:
18	Okay. Just to remind everyone that
19	we have now three positions open on the
20	LMA side
21	MS. ROBINS:
22	Three.
23	MR. DE ABREU:
24	that we have to fill out for the
25	Board. So this is very important

1 because we don't have many people on the 2 Board right now, if you know someone. 3 Maybe reach Mr. White and see if he has anyone. 5 MS. ROBINS: 6 Okay. MR. DE ABREU: 7 8 I know there is people here that are 9 interested in the position, and I'm 10 trying to contact the president of LMR 11 -- LMA, and maybe we all have to make an 12 effort to make this happen, all of us. 13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: 14 There might be a way that we can 15 maybe send a joint email or something, 16 you know? 17 MR. DE ABREU: 18 Yes, maybe so. Maybe so. Maybe so. 19 I'm gonna give him one last try, and 20 we'll see. All right. We have other, 21 other business that you guys want to 22 bring? 23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: 24 Nothing. 25 MR. DE ABREU:

1	All right. Now we have public	
2	comments. Any comments from the public?	
3	I have a lot of public today.	
4	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
5	A lot of public.	
6	MR. DE ABREU:	
7	That's unusual. No comments from	
8	the public? Okay.	
9	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
10	The public's here for the food.	
11	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
12	I make a motion we adjourn.	
13	MR. DE ABREU:	
14	Well, all right. Well, a motion	
15	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
16	Second.	
17	MR. DE ABREU:	
18	to adjourn.	
19	MR. LEBOUEF:	
20	I second that.	
21	MR. DE ABREU:	
22	Second by Mr. LeBouef.	
23	MR. WYNN:	
24	And I wish everybody a Merry	
25	Christmas.	

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1	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
2	Merry Christmas.	
3	MS. BORDELON:	
4	Merry Christmas.	
5	MR. DE ABREU:	
6	Thank you, everybody. Thank you.	
7	It has been a great year, and I wish	
8	Merry Christmas to all of you. Thank	
9	you so much.	
10	UNKNOWN SPEAKER:	
11	Thank you, sir.	
12	* * * * * * * * * *	
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I, JoLyn A. Malley, Certified Court
Reporter, in and for the State of Louisiana, as
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