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Transcript of proceedings held before the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Board of Certification and Training, reported by Rachel Lynn Young, Certified Court Reporter, at the Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market Street, Suite 1210, Shreveport, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, beginning at 1:15 p.m. and concluding at 2:32 p.m.

1 APPEARANCES ON JULY 16, 2019:

2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

3 CHAIRMAN GARY BONVILLAIN

4 WES WYCHE

5 CONNIE HENRY

6 DANNY HYLTON

7 MIA TOWNSEL

8 TROY E. BARBER

9 DAVID GREENE

10 JASON CREEL

11 DR. RICARDO C. de ABREU

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13 ALSO PRESENT:

14 SUZANNE BORDELON

15 DEQ REPRESENTATIVE

16 RACHEL LYNN YOUNG, CCR

17 COURT REPORTER

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We'll call the meeting to the Board of Certification and Training for Solid Waste Management Operators to order. It's July 16th, 2019, 1:15 p.m. at the Shreveport Hilton. Ms. Bordelon, could we have roll call, please?

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton.

MR. HYLTON:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Jason Creel.

MR. CREEL:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Troy Barber.

MR. BARBER:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Bo LaGrange. Ricardo de Abreu.

DR. de ABREU:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

1 David Greene.

2 MR. GREENE:

3 Here.

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 Connie Henry.

6 MS. HENRY:

7 Here.

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 Gary Bonvillain.

10 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

11 Here.

12 MS. BORDELON:

13 Wes Wyche.

14 MR. WYCHE:

15 Here.

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Mia Townsel.

18 MS. TOWNSEL:

19 Here.

20 CHAIRMAN CARTER:

21 And we do have a forum. Review of the
22 March 22nd, 2019 minutes. Ms. Bordelon had
23 sent y'all that version by email earlier.

24 Are there any questions or corrections to

25 those minutes? If not, would somebody like

1 to make a motion to approve the minutes?

2 MR. WYCHE:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Moved by Mr. Wyche. Seconded by Dr. de
6 Abreu. And you have to actually speak, so
7 we can get it on the --

8 MR. de ABREU:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

11 -- on the tape. Okay. It's been moved
12 and seconded. We approve the minutes the
13 March 22nd meeting as presented. Any
14 objections to the motion? Hearing none, the
15 motion passes. Review -- or consideration
16 of operator certifications. First up is
17 Jeddie Bankston, C&D, Level B. Okay. Next,
18 Taylor Chunn. Incinerator, waste handling,
19 Level A.

20 MR. BARBER:

21 I have a couple of questions.
22 Apparently, he's the CEO/President/Owner,
23 and he resides in Covington, Louisiana, and
24 this business, obviously, is in Opelousas,
25 and it doesn't appear to me that actually

1 works the business. He's listed the list of
2 people that he supervises as Vice President,
3 Vice President of Operation, Integrated
4 Waste Executive, Finance Director. It just
5 sounds like he's in charge of the operation
6 and not in charge of the actual work, so I'm
7 gonna question whether he actually has the
8 experience with the incinerator, itself, and
9 with the job.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 Yeah. Mark, do you want to answer?

12 MR. GRILLO:

13 Yeah. I can speak on that.

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 Sure.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Okay. If you would, introduce
18 yourself, and then go ahead.

19 MR. GRILLO:

20 I'm Mark Grillo. Medical Waste
21 Management. I'm the Chief Operating
22 Officer. So Taylor Chunn is the Chief
23 Executive Officer currently. Unfortunately
24 -- and you'll see when we get to myself and
25 Erik Embroli, as well, throughout this -- we

1 do have to get the incinerator
2 certification. Unfortunately, we don't have
3 an incinerator, but there is no
4 classification for what we have. It is an
5 approved technology. It is an approved
6 medical waste facility. It's approved by
7 DHH, and we were given our permit. We just
8 cannot operate without a Class A. We've
9 been operating currently with Mr. Terrance
10 Stewart. Some of y'all may be familiar with
11 him. I do have a reference letter from him.
12 He did serve on y'all's board for quite some
13 time and was the leader of the board, from
14 what I understand, for some time. He has
15 worked with myself and Erik, specifically.
16 He has not worked with Taylor. I can speak
17 on the fact of Taylor that he does have
18 knowledge in the industry and knows how to
19 operate this equipment. It's just
20 unfortunate that we fall under this
21 classification because there is no specific
22 classification for us.

23 MR. GREENE:

24 Didn't we have something about this at
25 our last meeting? Is this the same?

1 MS. TOWNSEL:

2 No. This isn't the --

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 No.

5 MS. TOWNSEL:

6 -- same one.

7 MR. GREENE:

8 Okay.

9 MS. TOWNSEL:

10 It was a grease trap facility.

11 MR. BARBER:

12 That's right. In New Orleans. Yeah.

13 DR. de ABREU:

14 Could you please explain, what's the
15 technology, itself?

16 MR. GRILLO:

17 Sure. So the current technology that
18 we utilize is called an ozonator. The
19 ozonator is a more green technology for
20 getting rid of medical waste. It is
21 electrically charged water, so it's O³.
22 When the waste is dumped into the machine,
23 it is shredded to make it into smaller
24 pieces to ensure that all parts are touched.
25 It uses six kill tests, which Louisiana only

1 requires four, and right at 1,500 to 1,700
2 parts per million. And at that point, it's
3 rendered destructed, and it is a certified
4 technology that is recognized by the State
5 of Louisiana.

6 DR. de ABREU:

7 Thank you

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 No problem.

10 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

11 Okay. Any other questions concerning
12 Mr. Chunn -- Mr. Chunn's application?

13 DR. de ABREU:

14 I have a question in regards of the
15 application. Does it need to be signed by
16 the supervisor?

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 What is Mr. Chunn's position with the
19 company?

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Owner/President/CEO.

22 DR. de ABREU:

23 Oh, okay.

24 MR. GRILLO:

25 Yeah.

1 DR. de ABREU:

2 I had wondered that.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 So he is his own supervisor?

5 MR. BARBER:

6 Right. And how long -- how long has
7 this process been going on?

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 This facility -- this specific
10 facility?

11 MR. BARBER:

12 Yeah.

13 MR. GRILLO:

14 It's been running for about a month
15 with Mr. Terrance at the helm.
16 Unfortunately, we cannot run without a Class
17 A, so that's kind of the unfortunate
18 situation that we fall in is that, we know
19 what we're doing, we know medical waste
20 better than, you know, anyone in the state,
21 but because we don't have a -- we're stuck
22 in this loophole that is the operator
23 certification.

24 MR. BARBER:

25 Well, all right. Thank you. In

1 order to get an A-level certification,
2 you've got to have 3 years of
3 experience.

4 MR. GRILLO:

5 Yes, sir.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 Now, what I'm hearing, you're saying
8 this process has only been going on for
9 about a month and --

10 MR. GRILLO:

11 But we have been in the medical waste
12 industry for seven years.

13 MR. BARBER:

14 So what have you been doing in the
15 medical waste industry?

16 MR. GRILLO:

17 Providing service. We manage a
18 facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We
19 service all the hospitals in the New Orleans
20 --

21 MR. BARBER:

22 So you service -- you mean, you pick it
23 up?

24 MR. GREENE:

25 Yes, sir.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 So that's not -- that's not -- so as
3 far as I'm concerned, that's not
4 qualification for this certification.

5 MR. GRILLO:

6 I can understand where you're coming
7 from, but in realization, this certification
8 has nothing to do with what we do.

9 MR. BARBER:

10 Then why do you need it?

11 MR. GRILLO:

12 That was my question.

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 He's caught in one them limbo areas
15 where --

16 MR. BARBER:

17 Well --

18 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

19 -- the regulations are not real clear,
20 but DEQ is saying that he has to have a
21 certified operator.

22 MR. GRILLO:

23 Could there --

24 MR. BARBER:

25 I agree with DEQ. I mean, I understand

1 they don't have a specific category,
2 obviously, but still, if there wasn't a
3 specific category, then this guy -- and no
4 offense to you or any of the others -- none
5 of these people have the experience because
6 they've only been doing this a month. So
7 how do tell -- how do you classify that as
8 an experience?

9 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

10 Okay. Well, let me ask another
11 question. Okay. Prior to this, y'all would
12 picking up at the hospitals. What would
13 y'all do with the stuff?

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 We would transport it to the facility
16 we manage in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 What type of facility?

19 MR. GRILLO:

20 A medical waste treatment facility.
21 Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Okay. So y'all actually operated a
24 treatment facility --

25 MR. GRILLO:

1 We just treated it at that facility.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Okay. Okay.

4 MR. GRILLO:

5 Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 So they weren't just transporting.
8 They were actually treating the medical
9 waste.

10 MR. BARBER:

11 So --

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 And the thing they wouldn't have here
14 is they have a little bit different
15 technology, but they have been treating the
16 medical waste for a number of years.

17 MR. BARBER:

18 So you're -- you're telling me -- and I
19 regret that I have to ask you to answer a
20 question for Mr. Taylor --

21 MR. GRILLO:

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. BARBER:

24 -- but you're telling me that he
25 actually operated, physically worked at that

1 facility in Hattiesburg?

2 MR. GRILLO:

3 No, sir. He didn't.

4 MR. BARBER:

5 Okay. Then that don't count --

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 He didn't physically work at that
8 facility.

9 MR. BARBER:

10 Well, that don't count for experience.
11 I'm sorry.

12 DR. de ABREU:

13 Well, it says --

14 MR. BARBER:

15 At all.

16 DR. de ABREU:

17 -- it says he has experience for --
18 since 2012. That's what his application
19 says.

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Right. Because we've been in the
22 medical waste industry since 2012.

23 DR. de ABREU:

24 It says, "Major provisions related to
25 performance [inaudible] and vendors." So

1 the regulations ask for experience in solid
2 waste management. To me, that qualifies for
3 experience in solid waste management even if
4 it's not [inaudible] at least in the solid
5 waste management.

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 So what was his -- what was his duties
8 at the facility in Mississippi?

9 MR. GRILLO:

10 So what we would do at the facility was
11 --

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 No. His -- his --

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 His specific duties?

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 His specific duties.

18 MR. GRILLO:

19 We would consult and help them to do
20 things on a better way and to ensure that it
21 was destroyed properly in medical waste
22 standards.

23 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

24 Okay. Does he own that facility in
25 Mississippi?

1 MR. GRILLO:

2 No, sir. He does not.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 Okay. He was there as a consultant, I
5 guess?

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 More or less?

10 MR. GRILLO:

11 Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Okay.

14 MR. BARBER:

15 Well, even if that -- if that is the
16 case, then I've got a big, big question
17 mark. As a matter of fact, if y'all notice,
18 on the front of that application, just so
19 you see, I put a huge question mark because
20 this throws up a red flag to me in every
21 way. This guy is asking for an A-level
22 certification to operate a facility that he
23 has had one month of experience operating.
24 It doesn't not qualify as experience, in my
25 opinion. And I, personally, would like to

1 offer a motion to table this application
2 until we can get further information and
3 they can provide us with something that
4 hopefully will be the truth that we can hang
5 our hat on and us, as a board, feel
6 confident that they truly have hands-on
7 experience operating a facility like this.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 Okay. We've got a motion from Mr.
10 Barber. Is there a second to the motion?
11 Is there a second to the motion?

12 MR. CREEL:

13 I'll second it.

14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

15 Okay. And seconded by Mr. Creel.
16 Motion by Mr. Barber, second by Mr. Creel
17 that we table this application until we can
18 get more precise information as to the
19 actual past history of experience. Any
20 further discussion on the motion? Yes, Mr.
21 Hylton?

22 MR. HYLTON:

23 In the form of a comment. So if we use
24 this approach, he can't get one for two
25 years and eleven months.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 That's exactly right.

3 MR. HYLTON:

4 So how do they operate the business?

5 MR. BARBER:

6 That's not our problem. We are a board
7 to make sure that they have the experience.
8 It's not up to us to whether they can
9 operate their business. It's up to us to
10 make sure for the State of Louisiana that
11 they are qualified to operate this business.
12 That's what DEQ -- When they walk in there
13 and this guy hands them a piece a paper and
14 says, "The board certified me," DEQ is
15 depending on us to make sure that they are
16 qualified to get that piece of paper. And
17 in my opinion, at this point, they are not
18 proving that to me.

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 Ms. Bord- --

21 MS. HENRY:

22 With all due respect to everybody at
23 this table, I think we're being a hypocrite
24 because when we were placed on this board of
25 certification, some of us had taken our

1 Landfill Level A Certification test -- and
2 that's the majority of us what we work in,
3 the landfill -- but we were all given nine
4 certifications.

5 MR. BARBER:

6 That's right.

7 MS. HENRY:

8 Can we honestly say that we know
9 everything about those nine certifications?

10 MR. BARBER:

11 No. And I've always questioned that,
12 too, but that has nothing to do with this
13 application.

14 MS. HENRY:

15 Mmm. We're making a decision based on
16 someone's livelihood stating that -- he
17 works in the facility, and I mean, he's
18 describing the procedure, and he sounds like
19 he knows very well what he's speaking of,
20 but yet, I'm gonna vote to give him
21 something that's his livelihood depends on,
22 but yet, the State of Louisiana says I can
23 have that certification when I really don't
24 have a clue.

25 MR. BARBER:

1 But we -- but what -- Unfortunately,
2 we can't vote on something -- or we can, but
3 we shouldn't vote on something based on our
4 opinion. We should vote on it based on what
5 the regulations say. And the regulations
6 say that they need three years of
7 experience.

8 MR. HYLTON:

9 But they're --

10 MR. BARBER:

11 They've not proven to me that they have
12 three years of experience.

13 MR. HYLTON:

14 Well, they can't with this.

15 DR. de ABREU:

16 That's what the regulations say, solid
17 waste management.

18 MR. WYCHE:

19 And I think the motion was we're not
20 necessarily ruling out that they can't
21 provide that. It's just that based on what
22 we're hearing and based on what we've seen,
23 maybe we're not comfortable. But maybe
24 there could be some information brought to
25 the board that would show that there is

1 sufficient experience.

2 MR. CREEL:

3 Well, even -- it's only a month old.
4 There's no way you're gonna get three years
5 of experience.

6 MR. WYCHE:

7 Well, on this facility, but as I
8 understand it, you have -- there's the other
9 --

10 MR. GRILLO:

11 We did manage that facility. We
12 consulted with that facility for -- I mean,
13 we've been in the medical waste business for
14 seven years now. So I mean, there's only
15 three hundred medical waste companies in the
16 entire country. We're the largest medical
17 waste company, outside of Stericycle, in the
18 Gulf South Region. We service all the
19 healthcare systems in the area.
20 Willis-Knighton, Ochsner, LCMC, Lafayette
21 General, Opelousas General. Not to mention,
22 most of these -- all of these facilities
23 have ownership in this facility as well, so
24 they're depending on me to this
25 certification to make sure that they're

1 taken care of as well.

2 MS. TOWNSEL:

3 Are there any other certifications that
4 may not be listed on this application that
5 Mr. Taylor has?

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 He's a wrecker certified -- I can't
8 remember the exact name of it. Wrecker
9 certifications. That's hazardous waste. So
10 we deal with hazardous waste. We deal with
11 medical waste. We deal with HIPAA document.
12 We deal all forms of waste. So it's not
13 just medical waste. We transport hazardous
14 waste, which is, I mean, by name and by
15 everything, it's some of the most regulated
16 stuff out there. We have to ensure that it
17 gets to the proper facility and the proper
18 channels to be destroyed properly. The
19 document that goes along with that, bar
20 none, is -- is very extensive, and we
21 specialize in that, as well as all these --
22 as well as all these other avenues. You
23 know, we have every cert- -- Medical waste
24 is a new industry. Right? It's only been
25 around since 1988. Okay? Hence why in most

1 states, there's no regulations for us. It's
2 a state by state regulation. There's no
3 Federal guidelines. There's none of that.
4 So for -- and that's why there's no
5 regulation for you guys over us because
6 there's only one incinerator in the State of
7 Louisiana in Springhill. Stericycle owns
8 it. It's down half the time because they
9 don't know what they're doing. It's the
10 truth.

11 MR. BARBER:

12 And that don't surprise me either.

13 MR. GRILLO:

14 That's the truth.

15 MR. GREENE:

16 Can I ask this question?

17 MR. GRILLO:

18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. GREENE:

20 When you built this plant --

21 MR. GRILLO:

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. GREENE:

24 -- surely you went through the
25 permitting process, your notification to the

1 State. Was the DEQ involved with this?

2 MR. GRILLO:

3 Yes, sir. They were. We worked with
4 Stan Haddard.

5 MR. GREENE:

6 Okay. And at that time did they
7 approve your operating permit, your --

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 Yes, sir. So at the time --

10 MR. GREENE:

11 -- operating of a business or -- I'm
12 just trying to --

13 MR. GRILLO:

14 Yes, sir. So at the time --

15 MR. GREENE:

16 So the DEQ has permitted them --

17 MS. TOWNSEL:

18 They are a permitted facility.

19 MR. GREENE:

20 -- to operate, but yet, the DEQ is now
21 telling them they can't operate without a
22 Class A. Is that where we're at?

23 MR. GRILLO:

24 Yes, sir.

25 MS. TOWNSEL:

1 Yes.

2 MR. GRILLO:

3 So we were approved. Everything was
4 done. And Ms. Mia -- you know, gratefully,
5 thank you -- brought it up to our attention
6 that we needed to have a Class A certified.
7 So we were in like -- I thought this was it.
8 Like I was ready to cook. Ms. Mia came in
9 and she's like, "Hey. Look, you need a
10 Class A operator." So we said, "Okay." We
11 got the list from Ms. Suzanne. We found
12 someone that can work part-time in the
13 evenings on weekends -- he's pretty much
14 sick of it -- so that we can at least run
15 and keep some of our business going and keep
16 this sunk investment of over three million
17 dollars (\$3,000,000.00) going until we can
18 get this certification. So we were approved
19 and everything went through because we put
20 "not applicable" for that situation, and now
21 we're being told we need that, which is
22 fine. We've gone through the channels --
23 I've taken the test. Erik has taken the
24 test -- to do this. And I mean, if I don't
25 mind saying, we passed with flying colors.

1 We each got nineties on it.

2 MR. WYCHE:

3 Could this be an application for a
4 conditional? It's not the usual conditional
5 at all, but --

6 MR. BARBER:

7 It could. Y'all are making it worse.

8 MR. HYLTON:

9 Well --

10 MR. BARBER:

11 I mean, you might as well be giving him
12 a permanent if you're gonna give him a
13 conditional. I mean, we're giving them a
14 permit to operate when I do not have a clear
15 understanding that they have experience.
16 Y'all, people can drive a dump truck and
17 haul garbage all over this state. We do not
18 -- this board does certify them a
19 certificate saying that they are qualified
20 to operate a landfill just because they haul
21 garbage around. From my understanding,
22 that's what this company has been doing.
23 They've been transporting. And they
24 indicated right here that this company has
25 been in existence since 2012 to current,

1 which makes it sound like that they have
2 that much experience. But what they're
3 telling me, they do not have that much
4 experience. It does not even mention
5 anything in here about the Hattiesburg plant
6 that obviously there some of them had some
7 experience with some of the operation.

8 MS. HENRY:

9 The person that they have signed on as
10 their Level A, this board gave the
11 incinerator certification to.

12 MR. BARBER:

13 But you said that's just a part-time
14 person. Right?

15 MS. HENRY:

16 It doesn't matter. They're overseeing
17 and they're acting as their Level A, so what
18 is the difference?

19 MR. BARBER:

20 If he's on-site and if he --

21 MS. HENRY:

22 But that person has zero experience in
23 it. This board --

24 MR. BARBER:

25 The person that we gave the A-level

1 operator --

2 MS. HENRY:

3 The incinerator license.

4 MR. HYLTON:

5 I suspect he's had it for a while.

6 MS. HENRY:

7 The incinerator license that they are
8 operating off of came from this board.

9 MR. BARBER:

10 And who is -- who is this person?

11 MS. HENRY:

12 It's Terrance. He got his when your
13 got yours, when I got mine. When everybody
14 at this table got their nine certifications,
15 he got his as well. That's who they're
16 operating on, so why are you telling this
17 man he doesn't have experience when you show
18 me where has Terrance has it. And nothing
19 against Terrance, but he works with me at a
20 landfill. So --

21 MR. BARBER:

22 And I totally -- I have --

23 MS. HENRY:

24 -- why are we punishing him?

25 MR. BARBER:

1 I do not disagree with what you're -- I
2 do not disagree with what you're saying. I
3 do not disagree one bit.

4 MS. HENRY:

5 But we're taking his livelihood.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 Because I've got an A-level in
8 incinerator, too, and I promise you, I have
9 no business operating an incinerator because
10 I don't know how.

11 MS. HENRY:

12 But they're telling us they know what
13 they're talking about. I couldn't go up
14 against him. He knows his job.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 But they don't have an incinerator.
17 That's the first thing.

18 MR. CREEL:

19 But we asked for just a little bit more
20 experience on Mr. Chunn, and he's not here
21 give his accreditations. Looking at --
22 what's your name? Mark?

23 MR. GRILLO:

24 Yes, sir.

25 MR. CREEL:

1 Looking at your application, there is
2 at least some HAZCON and some bloodborne
3 pathogens and things that you have completed
4 online, which makes it a little bit more
5 inviting. You know, as far as Mr. Chunn, I
6 still stand firm. We need some more from
7 him.

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 I understand that.

10 MR. CREEL:

11 I mean, if I send you an application
12 and say, "I'm Jason Creel, CEO of blah,
13 blah, blah," then you have to look at it for
14 more than face value from where we sit.

15 MR. GRILLO:

16 Uh-huh (yes).

17 MR. CREEL:

18 When we get to you, I do have a little
19 bit better feeling --

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Okay.

22 MR. CREEL:

23 -- about your education and so forth
24 and so on, but I still stand firm. Mr.
25 Chunn needs to submit some more information.

1 MR. GRILLO:

2 Absolutely.

3 MR. CREEL:

4 I understand your point, but Mr. Mark,
5 to me, has way more experience than what Mr.
6 Chunn's application reflects. So we'll talk
7 about him when we get there, but --

8 MR. WYCHE:

9 And that's consistent with the motion,
10 I think.

11 MR. CREEL:

12 Yeah. That's all he has as far as more
13 experience.

14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

15 I have a question for you.

16 MR. GRILLO:

17 Sure.

18 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

19 The actual facility is located in
20 Opelousas?

21 MR. GRILLO:

22 Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

24 520 North Union Street?

25 MR. GRILLO:

1 Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Is that anywhere near Soileau's
4 restaurant?

5 MR. GRILLO:

6 I'm trying to think here.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 I'm trying to picture where the
9 facility is because I work in Opelousas.

10 MR. GRILLO:

11 Okay. So if you -- I know where
12 Frank's is at. We're right next to the
13 railroad tracks. So it's the old Opelousas
14 General Laundry. The building was purchased
15 from Opelousas General, and then it was a
16 beer supplier before that.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 Okay. Okay. The old --

19 MR. GRILLO:

20 It's right across from --

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 -- the old beer distributor?

23 MR. GRILLO:

24 Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 Okay. I know exactly where you're at.
2 I didn't even know y'all were there.

3 MR. GRILLO:

4 And we worked very much with the City
5 and the State to get it, you know, zoned for
6 us and everything to get everything properly
7 segregated and done.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 Okay. Any further discussion? Okay.
10 We have a motion on the table by Mr. Barber
11 and a second by Mr. Creel that we table this
12 application until we can get further
13 information on the exact experience of Mr.
14 Chunn. Could we have a roll call vote,
15 please?

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 We're doing a "yea" or "nay." "Yea"
18 to?

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 To table the motion.

21 MS. BORDELON:

22 Okay.

23 MR. CREEL:

24 Or to table the --

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 To table the application.
2 MS. BORDELON:
3 The application.
4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:
5 Yes.
6 MS. BORDELON:
7 Okay. Danny Hylton.
8 MR. HYLTON:
9 Yea.
10 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:
11 You would say what?
12 MR. HYLTON:
13 Yea.
14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:
15 Yea? Table it? Okay.
16 MS. BORDELON:
17 Okay. Jason Creel.
18 MR. CREEL:
19 Yea.
20 MS. BORDELON:
21 Troy Barber.
22 MR. BARBER:
23 Yea.
24 MS. BORDELON:
25 Ricardo de Abreu.

1 DR. de ABREU:
2 No.
3 MS. BORDELON:
4 David Greene.
5 MR. GREENE:
6 Yes.
7 MS. BORDELON:
8 Connie Henry.
9 MS. HENRY:
10 No.
11 MS. BORDELON:
12 Wes Wyche.
13 MR. WYCHE:
14 Yes.
15 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:
16 Okay. We've got five to two to table
17 the application. Now, this is not denying
18 it.
19 MR. GRILLO:
20 I understand.
21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:
22 Okay? And you'll get a letter from Ms.
23 Bordelon requesting the additional
24 information. Okay. Next, we've got Glyn
25 Davis. Landfill, Level B.

1 MS. BORDELON:

2 Did we skip Timothy Cowart?

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 Oh, okay. We'll I was going down the
5 list -- the way you had them on the list.

6 MS. BORDELON:

7 Oh, okay.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 Okay. We'll do Glyn Davis. That's --

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 -- the next one on the list. Landfill,
14 Level B. Any questions?

15 MR. WYCHE:

16 The only question I had on that -- and
17 I think I've raised this before -- it looks
18 like the experience is limited to, you know,
19 driving dump trucks, loading dirt, and you
20 know, covering trash, but that's probably
21 sufficient, I imagine, for a Level B.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Yeah.

24 MR. WYCHE:

25 Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

2 Yeah. Because that's what -- a lot of
3 your Level B's, they're covering trash or
4 operating a dozer, moving dirt. Okay.
5 Timothy Cowart. Landfill, Level B. Edward
6 Gasca. Landfill, Level B. Mark Grillo.
7 Incinerator, Level B.

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 It'd be Level A for me.

10 MS. HENRY:

11 She changed it to Level A.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Oh.

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 Oh, you have the old copy.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Oh, okay. I've got the old one.

18 MS. BORDELON:

19 Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

21 Okay. Make that Level A. I'm sorry.

22 MR. BARBER:

23 I have a couple questions.

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 Okay. He's here, so he can answer for

1 himself.

2 MR. BARBER:

3 And look, I'm not here to beat you up.

4 MR. GRILLO:

5 Oh, I know.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 I'm here to just do my job --

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 Absolutely.

10 MR. BARBER:

11 -- or what I feel like is my job.

12 MR. GRILLO:

13 One hundred percent. That's why I'm
14 here.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 One thing that I notice, it looks like
17 your basically supervising the very same
18 people that your boss is supervising, and
19 I'm just wondering, you know, who is
20 supervising who, and is there more people --

21 MR. GRILLO:

22 We're a small business. We have fifty
23 employees. So on the medical waste -- like
24 so on this side for -- that's Shareport --
25 I'm supervising the facility in general.

1 Let me explain the dynamic a little bit.
2 Shareport is owned -- Shareport Medical
3 Waste is owned by Medical Waste Management,
4 Lafayette General Health System, Opelousas
5 General Health System, LCMC, Ochsner, Baton
6 Rouge Women's -- and they all own this
7 facility. So they hired -- we bought in and
8 they brought me in as a professional to run
9 this facility. So I hired Erik Embroli, who
10 you'll see further on in here, and I'm going
11 to be supervising this facility and ensuring
12 that it falls with all DEQ regulations, as
13 well as our standards as well, to ensure
14 that all medical waste is treated and
15 properly handled prior to getting to one of
16 your landfills.

17 MR. BARBER:

18 And when you say they brought you in as
19 a professional -- and I don't doubt that;
20 don't take this wrong -- and I understand
21 you've got some education, and that's always
22 a big plus with me, but what other
23 experience do you have actually doing this
24 kind of work? I mean, the only thing you've
25 got on here is from -- it looks like from

1 '14 to current that you've worked with this
2 company.

3 MR. GRILLO:

4 Correct. So I started on the truck.
5 When we started, it was me, Taylor, and a
6 van seven years ago. We've grown this
7 business to where it was me, Taylor, and a
8 van, and then we got a trailer out of his
9 dad's garage. Then we built up to where we
10 moved to a double-wide trailer down the
11 street. And now we've grown to where we
12 have -- covering seven states. We have
13 seven hubs. We have over fifty employees.
14 And we service some of the largest
15 healthcare providers in the country, much
16 less the state.

17 MR. BARBER:

18 Now, when you're saying that, that is
19 transporting.

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Transporting and making sure that a
22 proper certificate of destruction is issued
23 for proper destruction of that due the
24 Cradle-to-Grave Act.

25 MR. GREENE:

1 So you make sure that when you pick it
2 up from your customer, you go a step above
3 and your business certifies to the customer
4 --

5 MR. GRILLO:

6 Absolutely.

7 MR. GREENE:

8 -- that it's been disposed of properly?

9 MR. GRILLO:

10 Every manifest we have a cert- --

11 MR. BARBER:

12 But now --

13 MR. GRILLO:

14 -- issue a certificate of destruction.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 But now I do that at my landfill. If
17 somebody comes in, more so maybe on a -- the
18 DA or the Sheriff is getting rid of some old
19 records and they want me to certify that it
20 was buried properly, I do that at my
21 facility, so --

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Yeah. I mean, but that's -- what
24 you're doing there is not required by law.
25 What he's got is something that's required

1 by and is very specific --

2 MR. GRILLO:

3 Correct.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 -- and has to be done.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 I understand that, but I'm still -- I'm
8 still not seeing that that is actual
9 experience working in this business of
10 operating this facility that is getting rid
11 of the waste. I mean, you're hauling it,
12 transporting it. And from what I'm getting,
13 that's the biggest thing y'all do is
14 transport it.

15 MR. GRILLO:

16 We haul it and transport it and treat
17 it. Okay? So I agree with you. We're not
18 a landfill. We're not. We're not trying to
19 be. Don't want to be. Don't want anything
20 to do with a landfill. I just want to drop
21 my waste off and be on my way. So that's,
22 again, the gray area. We know what we're
23 doing. And as far as what you're saying
24 about the records, that's actually
25 completely legal because with HIPAA, there

1 is no regulations. The only thing with
2 HIPAA, confidential destruction, is that
3 literally Ms. Mia could go out in her car
4 right now and say, "Hey. I'm Mia Townsel.
5 I'm taking your paper. I promise it's going
6 to get destroyed." That's all you have to
7 do.

8 MR. BARBER:

9 Yeah. But that's not the way we do it.

10 MR. GRILLO:

11 I understand. What I'm saying is --

12 MR. BARBER:

13 The way we do it is we have to stand
14 there and watch them bury it and --

15 MR. GRILLO:

16 But confirming -- well, what I'm
17 getting at is with HIPAA, it's completely
18 different. With medical waste, it's a lot
19 -- it's a lot stricter. There are
20 regulations. We have to go through
21 certifications, through joint commissions.
22 They give hospitals hell. They give us
23 hell. We have to deal with the DHH. We
24 have a great rapport with the DHH. Mia
25 knows and Mr. Al Mancuso. We have a great

1 rapport with him. We've never had any
2 violations with the DHH regarding this.

3 MS. TOWNSEL:

4 Do you oversee the processing of the
5 medical waste?

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 Yes, ma'am. I do.

8 MS. TOWNSEL:

9 Does Mr. Taylor oversee the processing
10 of the medical waste?

11 MR. GRILLO:

12 He is in the day-to-day know, but no.
13 Is he touching it directly? No, ma'am. I
14 mean, he's the CEO. Right? He has to work
15 about P&L's and balance sheets and securing
16 capital and things of that nature. Look, I
17 can understand the Taylor thing. But when
18 it comes down to me when I'm touching
19 everything every day --

20 MR. BARBER:

21 And I'm with you.

22 MR. GRILLO:

23 Yeah.

24 MR. BARBER:

25 I'm with you.

1 MR. GRILLO:

2 I mean, I see this every day. I've
3 been in the facility.

4 MR. BARBER:

5 What I would -- what I would like, for
6 the record's sake, is a little more detail.
7 Because, I mean, when I read this, you're
8 not much better off than Taylor.

9 MR. GRILLO:

10 I can understand that.

11 MR. BARBER:

12 But when I'm talking to you, I'm
13 getting it.

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 Right. And you know, I mean, this is
16 my first time having to deal with something
17 like this. Right? I mean, I can -- look,
18 I'm staying in the hotel today. I can --
19 this is my only thing I got going on until
20 tomorrow when I meet with LSU Hospital to
21 secure their business.

22 MR. BARBER:

23 And you know, for the sake of the
24 board, I would like to -- I would like to
25 know if you actually worked at that facility

1 in Hattiesburg, if you was hands-on working
2 at that facility. I would like for that to
3 be a part of your narrative. And if you can
4 provide that, I mean, I don't think I have a
5 problem. And I butted in ahead of you.

6 MR. GREENE:

7 No. No. I was gonna hit the same
8 points. On your -- what we're looking at --

9 MR. GRILLO:

10 Uh-huh (yes).

11 MR. GREENE:

12 -- if you weren't here, we'd just,
13 "Nah."

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 No. Absolutely. And that's why I
16 wanted to be here.

17 MR. GREENE:

18 For the same point, the experience
19 level, what you've told us and with your
20 word that you're on-site and managing this,
21 I would have no problem granting you a Class
22 A -- and I'll just put it out there -- for
23 that. I would like -- but before I can,
24 unless the board tells me different, can we
25 just take his word for it, or does it need

1 to be in writing to keep us safe.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Okay. Well, let me clarify that a
4 little bit. Okay. First of all, it will be
5 in writing because --

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 -- it's word-for-word --

10 MR. GREENE:

11 Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 -- in the minutes. Okay?

14 MR. GREENE:

15 Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Now, what the board can also do is ask
18 him to supply -- just as back-up
19 documentation, supply this additional
20 information that you're doing, and you can
21 grant the certificate based on receiving
22 that additional information.

23 MR. GREENE:

24 Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 If you want to go that route.

2 MR. BARBER:

3 And I will make a motion to that effect

4 --

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 Okay.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 -- that we grant this A-level

9 certification pending that Mr. Mark Grillo

10 furnishes us with some additional

11 information --

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 That he has verbally given to him.

14 MR. BARBER:

15 Right. -- explaining his actual

16 experience.

17 MR. GRILLO:

18 Okay. So you basically just want me to

19 say like, "When I was present at the

20 facility, I was involved in handling the

21 waste, putting the waste in the autoclave

22 unit," things of that nature?

23 MR. BARBER:

24 Yeah.

25 MR. GREENE:

1 Just add just what you said about what
2 you're gonna do and how you do your process
3 --

4 MR. GRILLO:

5 Sure.

6 MR. GREENE:

7 -- currently at this plant.

8 MR. WYCHE:

9 And probably the period of time that
10 you did that because we're needing three
11 years.

12 MR. GRILLO:

13 I was not an employee of -- because
14 it's a [inaudible] general owned facility,
15 but I did work in the facility.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 No. That's fine. Yeah. You don't
18 necessarily have to be an employee. If you
19 were working there --

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Right. It was when --

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 -- in some capacity.

24 MR. GRILLO:

25 -- you know, I brought waste, I would

1 assist in the processes.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Right. That's fine.

4 MR. GREENE:

5 I'll second Troy's motion.

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 Okay. We've got a second by Mr. Barber
8 -- I mean, a motion by Mr. Barber, seconded
9 by Mr. Greene that we grant the Level A
10 certification for Mark Grillo pending
11 receipt of additional detailed writing --
12 details in writing of his previous
13 experience. Any further discussion? Is
14 there any objection to the motion? Okay.
15 Hearing none, the motion passes.

16 MR. GRILLO:

17 I've got a quick question.

18 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

19 Sure.

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Is that okay? So is that tabled until
22 the next meeting, or is that --

23 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

24 No.

25 MR. GRILLO:

1 -- I go down to my room, type this up,
2 email it to y'all while we're all drinking
3 at the bar later, and we're good to go?

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 You get it back to Ms. Bordelon, and
6 that will satisfy --

7 MR. GRILLO:

8 She'll have it by five o'clock, and I
9 will buy y'all all a round of drinks.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 You will have a certificate next week.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 He has paid?

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 Actually, you only gave me a hundred
16 dollars (\$100.00). You do owe me a hundred
17 dollars (\$100.00) for your certificate.

18 MR. GRILLO:

19 You want cash, check, credit card?

20 (OFF RECORD COMMENTS.)

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 Okay. The next application, Tamisha
23 Jordan. Landfill, Level B.

24 MR. BARBER:

25 Did this person pass the test?

1 MS. BORDELON:

2 Yes.

3 MR. GREENE:

4 Yes. She did.

5 MR. BARBER:

6 Okay. I'm trying to decide if we even
7 need to take any action on this. I mean --

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 She had a conditional. We gave her a
10 conditional back in October or December, I
11 think.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 March was the last --

14 MR. GREENE:

15 Okay. I think it was --

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Or March.

18 MR. GREENE:

19 -- near the spring, I believe --

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 Yeah.

22 MR. GREENE:

23 -- because I was surprised to see her.

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 Yeah.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 If she passed the test, I think we
3 should do it.

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 She passed the test. Yeah.

6 MR. WYCHE:

7 And again, just for my benefit. I
8 think y'all had explained this to me before.
9 Her experience is pretty much clerical only
10 in nature, but this committee has
11 historically considered that to be
12 sufficient?

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 Right. You see, on a Class B, if you
15 operate parts of the facility -- it doesn't
16 have to be in all operations of the facility
17 -- and as you know, the paperwork is very
18 important to any facility.

19 MR. WYCHE:

20 Definitely.

21 MR. GREENE:

22 And she did clerk and quality control
23 while she was at [inaudible].

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 Okay. Next up, Randy Kenly.

1 Incinerator, Level B. Okay. That was the
2 last of the regular applications to be
3 reviewed. Do I hear a motion to approve the
4 applications for Jeddie Bankston, C&D, Level
5 B; Glyn Davis, Landfill, Level B; Timothy
6 Cowart, Landfill, Level B; Edward Gasca,
7 Landfill, Level B; Tamisha Jordan, Landfill,
8 Level B; and Randy Kenly, Landfill -- I
9 mean, Incinerator, Level B.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 And Mark?

12 MR. GRILLO:

13 Was Erik on the list?

14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

15 Mark is already taken care of in a
16 separate motion.

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 Did y'all make a motion separately?
19 Okay. Erik is under conditional.

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Yeah. We're gonna get to him later.

24 MR. GRILLO:

25 Gotcha. Gotcha. Gotcha. Gotcha.

1 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

2 Do I hear a motion?

3 MR. BARBER:

4 So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 Moved by Mr. Barber.

7 MS. HENRY:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

10 Second by Ms. Henry. Any further
11 discussion? Any objection to the motion?
12 Hearing none, the motion passes. Okay. We
13 have -- next up is a request for reciprocity
14 from Loyde Patrick Arender. Landfill, Level
15 A. He has his SWANA MOLO certification, and
16 he's also been certified in Tennessee and
17 Mississippi.

18 MR. WYCHE:

19 I just have a note that he looked
20 eligible for Level A based on his current
21 management experience anyway, but --

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Well, he's -- with the reciprocity, he
24 doesn't have to take the test.

25 MR. WYCHE:

1 There you go.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 That's the difference. Do I hear a
4 motion?

5 MR. BARBER:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Moved by Mr. Barber --

9 MR. GREENE:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 -- seconded by Mr. Greene that we
13 approve the reciprocity application from Mr.
14 Arender. Any objections to the motion?
15 Hearing none, the motion passes. Okay.
16 Next up, request for conditional. Erik
17 Embroli. Incinerator, Level B. Medical
18 Waste Solutions.

19 MR. BARBER:

20 Well, you know, I know y'all don't like
21 me, but I'm sorry.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Tell us how you feel, Troy.

24 MR. GRILLO:

25 I bet I can guess.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 I mean, the regulations are plain, and
3 I've been over this with the board. And for
4 your sake, the regulations are plain that
5 for a conditional, you're simply replacing
6 somebody. And --

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Excuse me. That's one of the ways to
9 get a conditional, which is an automatic.
10 Okay? This doesn't apply as an automatic.
11 This applies to the discretion of the board.

12 MR. BARBER:

13 And I agree. And the discretion of the
14 board has been very liberal over the years.
15 Yeah. I know y'all are gonna vote me down,
16 but you know, I'm just not in favor of
17 giving a conditional just so they can have a
18 certification. You know? I'm just not.

19 MR. GRILLO:

20 I'll even write a letter saying he
21 won't go anywhere else. It's only for this.
22 If I didn't have to have this, trust me, I
23 wouldn't --

24 MS. BORDELON:

25 But the conditional -- conditional

1 operators can only operate at that facility.

2 MR. GRILLO:

3 Correct. And that's all I want him to
4 be able to do.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 Yeah. Okay. And --

7 MR. WYCHE:

8 What is the --

9 MS. HENRY:

10 Troy --

11 MR. WYCHE:

12 -- what -- I'm sorry.

13 MS. HENRY:

14 -- and I'm just gonna ask you a
15 question because sometimes we butt heads,
16 but you know I love you and it's all good.
17 All right. I know your thoughts on
18 conditionals because sometimes I actually
19 agree with you, but on this one, because
20 they're a new facility that is being
21 mandated by DEQ, shouldn't we like take that
22 into consideration that they -- we've got to
23 start them somewhere. And I mean, the guy
24 has the exp- -- he's got lots of experience,
25 and so -- I mean, I think this is kind of

1 one of them times where it can't be black
2 and white. We have to look in those shades
3 of gray to -- I mean --

4 MR. BARBER:

5 Well, and you know --

6 MS. HENRY:

7 But they're being regulated by DEQ.
8 They're being watched. I feel like if they
9 weren't, then they wouldn't be going through
10 all these hoops.

11 MR. BARBER:

12 And I totally -- I totally agree with
13 that. I just -- it -- and there's really no
14 point in putting all this on this lady to
15 record all this that I have to say, but --

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 She would do it anyway.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 But we are not here to be like, or
20 we're not here to make friends. We're here
21 to do a job and make sure that people are
22 qualified to do the job that they're doing.
23 And the regulation says to get a
24 certification, you have to have so many
25 years or months of experience. And if we

1 issue one to someone that has less than what
2 the regulation says is required, then we are
3 taking it upon ourselves to say, "Okay.
4 We're gonna go ahead and do this anyway --
5 although the regulations are very clear that
6 they need two years of experience, but he
7 only has two months of experience -- but
8 we're gonna give it to him anyway," I just
9 have a problem with that. You know?

10 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

11 Okay. Let me kind of interrupt you a
12 little bit. Okay? First off, you were
13 taking about granting a conditional, not a
14 regular.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 Right.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 He does not qualify for a regular, no
19 ifs, ands, or buts. I agree with you.

20 MR. BARBER:

21 Right.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 He's asking for a conditional. Four --
24 four or five years ago, we granted
25 Stericycle eight conditionals --

1 MR. BARBER:

2 And I voted against it.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 -- and I was in agreement with you.
5 Stericycle is -- you know, Stericycle is a
6 big facility, and I thought they should have
7 -- maybe they would bring in at least a
8 couple of certified people, but anyway. So
9 we -- the board granted -- it was eight, if
10 I remember correctly, was the number that we
11 granted to Stericycle so that they could
12 begin operations. Okay? And I have a hard
13 time saying it's okay to grant eight to
14 Stericycle, but can't grant one to this
15 operation.

16 MR. BARBER:

17 Well, and like I said, I voted against
18 that one and --

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 Right. And I was -- and I was in
21 agreement. I didn't vote because I was the
22 chairman, but I was in agreement with you.

23 MR. BARBER:

24 Uh-huh (yes). And like I said, I
25 understand that everybody else is, you know,

1 gonna vote for this, and I just have to
2 voice my opinion. And y'all listen. I was
3 gonna say this later on -- and I may say
4 something later on -- but this is my last
5 board meeting, so y'all don't have to put up
6 with this anymore. But I've been on it for
7 thirteen years, but -- and I haven't
8 changed. I haven't changed from day one on
9 conditional. I have been this way for
10 thirteen years.

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 I know.

13 MR. BARBER:

14 I'm not gonna change.

15 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

16 I know.

17 MR. BARBER:

18 So -- all right. We can move on.

19 MS. BORDELON:

20 Physically, your looks have changed.

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 He kind of looks like a politician now.

23 MS. HENRY:

24 Look out.

25 MR. GREENE:

1 On the application, I'm not seeing
2 where it says conditional. It's just asking
3 for a Level B.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Yeah. Correct.

6 MR. GRILLO:

7 That could be a typo on the report.

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 Well, it's because it's --

10 MR. CREEL:

11 He's asking for a conditional, but he's
12 not replacing anybody.

13 MS. BORDELON:

14 Well, it's conditional because --
15 because of the timing of the employee --
16 because of the time.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 And again, you know, there's more than
19 one way you can get a conditional.

20 MR. CREEL:

21 Yeah. I understand.

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Yeah. Because if you're replacing
24 somebody that's regularly certified, then
25 the conditional is automatic. Okay? Now,

1 there's other ways you can get a conditional
2 at the discretion of the board, and this is
3 where we're standing at right now.

4 MR. GREENE:

5 Has he got any other -- I don't see any
6 other experience other than --

7 MR. CREEL:

8 That's my problem with it.

9 MR. GREENE:

10 -- just saying --

11 MR. GRILLO:

12 Does he have other experience in the
13 medical waste industry? No. I'm not gonna
14 lie to you. I'm not gonna sugarcoat it.
15 But since Terrance has been there, he has
16 been in there hands-on operating that
17 machine under my review and Terrance's
18 review. You're not gonna find some- -- I
19 mean, there's -- I got the list. It was
20 twenty-five people that are Level A, and I
21 think -- I don't know -- thirty people that
22 are B, maybe -- I could be wrong -- in
23 Incinerator. To get them to quit their job
24 and come is not gonna happen. But I can
25 assure you, no one knows that machine

1 better, no one knows how to run that
2 facility better, no one is safer, and I
3 oversee him. So if you trust me, I'm giving
4 you my word. And you're saying I'm good
5 enough. If I'm telling you this gentleman
6 is good enough, I'm telling you he's good
7 enough. He is one hundred percent good
8 enough. I talk to him on a daily basis.
9 You can go see him any time. You're right
10 there.

11 MR. GREENE:

12 Well, what I'm asking, does he have
13 plant maintenance? Does he have --

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 He has -- he has a lot of construction
16 background. The reason we didn't put any of
17 that on there is because it was irrelevant.
18 Right? He has a lot of construction
19 background. He has a lot of maintenance
20 background. He, you know, does -- he did a
21 lot of construction and stuff before this.

22 MS. BORDELON:

23 Yeah. But it's not irrelevant.
24 Because for a Level B operator, one year of
25 construction experience with use of heavy

1 equipment substitutes for one year of solid
2 waste experience.

3 MR. GRILLO:

4 Well, shoot. I wish I'd have known
5 that. He's got tons of that. I mean, this
6 guy, he's been in construction his entire
7 life between I'm sure running equipment and
8 wiring and doing construction and things of
9 that nature. I mean, he's fully certified.

10 MR. WYCHE:

11 Do you know what kind of degree he has?
12 Does he have an engineering degree, by
13 chance?

14 MR. GRILLO:

15 I don't believe he has a degree. I
16 don't think he finished.

17 MR. WYCHE:

18 Oh, I see.

19 MS. HENRY:

20 So based on the verbal that he just
21 gave, could we do the conditional on the
22 same way we did Mark's where we give the
23 conditional pending that he gives us a
24 written explanation of his construction
25 experience? Would you be okay with that? I

1 mean, if he has -- if he says he has a year
2 of experience in construction -- and we're
3 only giving him a conditional; we're not
4 granting him a full one -- so if he would
5 provide that in writing, just as Mark has to
6 do, could we do it -- you know, give him the
7 conditional based on the fact that we're
8 gonna get a written detailed explanation of
9 his construction and past experience?

10 MR. BARBER:

11 Yeah. And it sounds like he might have
12 even -- some of that experience might
13 shorten the length of the time he would need
14 a conditional.

15 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

16 Right. Okay. Motion by Mr. Green.
17 Yes, Mia?

18 MS. TOWNSEL:

19 I have one more comment. The
20 application isn't signed by his supervisor,
21 so --

22 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

23 Well, that can be taken care of right
24 now.

25 MR. GRILLO:

1 I can take care it.

2 MS. TOWNSEL:

3 You can take care of that.

4 MR. BARBER:

5 And before we go -- I'm sorry to
6 interrupt again. Now, just one technicality
7 I want to point out. On this application,
8 it lists the facility name as Shareport
9 Medical Waste Solutions, and then on the
10 other application it was just Medical Waste
11 --

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Management.

14 MR. BARBER:

15 -- management.

16 MR. GRILLO:

17 Correct.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 Is there a --

20 MR. GRILLO:

21 The reason for that is the facility is
22 named Shareport Medical Waste Solutions.
23 That is a separate company that Medical
24 Waste Management has ownership in. My main
25 employer is Medical Waste Management.

1 That's the only reason why I put Medical
2 Waste Management.

3 MR. BARBER:

4 Gotcha.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 And with the conditional, that's the
7 only facility he can work at.

8 MR. GRILLO:

9 Uh-huh (yes). Okay. So we have a
10 motion by Mr. Greene that we grant the
11 conditional to Erik Embroli, Level B,
12 Incinerator, upon submission of additional
13 construction experience. Is there a second
14 to the motion?

15 MR. CREEL:

16 I'll second it.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 Second by Mr. Creel. Any further
19 discussion? Okay. Any objection to the
20 motion? Okay. Hearing none, the motion
21 passes. Okay. The next conditional
22 request, Erik Trahan [sic]. C&D, Level B.

23 MS. BORDELON:

24 That's Arthur Trahan.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 Arthur? What did I say?

2 MS. BORDELON:

3 Erik.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Erik. Oh, okay. I was reading Erik's
6 name from above. Arthur Trahan. I'm sorry.

7 MR. WYCHE:

8 This was tabled from the March meeting

9 --

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 It was.

12 MR. WYCHE:

13 -- and I had just a note, if I can read
14 my handwriting, that it looked like we
15 wanted a better understanding of the
16 facility's need for a certified operator --
17 or need for a conditional because he wasn't
18 replacing anybody. So did we --

19 MS. BORDELON:

20 No. I think what it was, was,
21 remember, he had put a letter in his
22 application -- his other application that,
23 you know, he had basically grown up in the
24 facility, and I think y'all wanted a little
25 more information on his experience -- his

1 prior experience.

2 MR. GREENE:

3 Of the work -- work history, yeah. And
4 he could --

5 MS. BORDELON:

6 And he provided that.

7 MR. WYCHE:

8 But -- okay. For some reason, I was
9 thinking we were -- the cond- -- this board
10 was concerned about the need of the facility
11 for a conditional because he wasn't
12 replacing anybody, but maybe I'm
13 misremembering. Because he doesn't have the
14 experience to get a regular. Right?

15 MS. BORDELON:

16 Right.

17 MR. GREENE:

18 Right.

19 MR. BARBER:

20 And this is -- he's asking for a
21 conditional.

22 MR. WYCHE:

23 He's asking for a conditional, and --
24 but -- and he was not replacing anybody, as
25 I recall.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 And he started in January of this year.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 Right. At Acadiana Landfill.

5 MR. BARBER:

6 And I think you may be right about
7 why we questioned that if he wasn't
8 replacing someone, why was they in need
9 of another operator. Was that -- does
10 anybody else remember that, or was that
11 satisfied in any way that we know of?

12 MR. WYCHE:

13 There's a discussion in the minutes
14 that I halfway looked at before I walked
15 over, but I didn't -- I didn't all the way
16 look at it.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 I think that's what she's going to get
19 now. I don't remember the details myself.
20 Oh, look. He's got the minutes right there.

21 MS. BORDELON:

22 You have the minutes? Okay. You asked
23 the question, "Are the reasons for granting
24 a conditional of him replacing... If in the
25 opinion of the board [inaudible] some type

1 of experience where it's not necessary..."
2 and then -- okay. Bo said, "According to
3 this email, Mr. Trahan was part of that
4 family..." He said -- let's see -- "He
5 indicated he grew up at the facility that
6 his family operated." And Gary said, "He
7 doesn't list that he worked at the
8 facility." Let's see. Let's see what the
9 motion was. Okay. Let's see.

10 MR. WYCHE:

11 Because he has only worked -- actually
12 worked at the landfill since January of this
13 year.

14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

15 Because his dad used to operate a C&D
16 facility.

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 Okay. Here, Troy says, "What I would
19 like to do is ask this guy to come back to
20 the board personally. I would like to --
21 for him to come in and meet with us. I
22 would like to know what he knows from
23 growing up in a C&D landfill. You know, you
24 can write anything you want on paper, and if
25 so, and he wants to do that in July, I would

1 certainly entertain it on the condition
2 that, you know, I go with my decision."

3 Let's see.

4 MR. HYLTON:

5 Wasn't there discussion --

6 MS. BORDELON:

7 I think we just need some more
8 information about him.

9 MR. HYLTON:

10 Uh-huh (yes). Yeah. I don't think we
11 wanted to get into personal matters.

12 MR. WYCHE:

13 Did we get anything additional with
14 this application that we didn't have in
15 March?

16 DR. de ABREU:

17 Yes. He completed his work experience
18 with --

19 MS. BORDELON:

20 Yeah.

21 DR. de ABREU:

22 -- the time that he was at the
23 landfill.

24 MR. WYCHE:

25 So we didn't even have that in March.

1 DR. de ABREU:

2 We didn't have that in March.

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 No. And then Mr. Greene said, "I think
5 if he clarifies his training..."

6 MR. GREENE:

7 Has he met his time limit now?

8 MR. BARBER:

9 No.

10 MR. GREENE:

11 From -- no? I mean, he's looking for a
12 conditional.

13 MS. BORDELON:

14 No.

15 DR. de ABREU:

16 He's looking for a conditional.

17 MR. HYLTON:

18 Well, he's got seven months. Six plus.
19 Seven months.

20 MR. GREENE:

21 Is his company saying there's a need
22 for it?

23 MR. WYCHE:

24 That was my question.

25 MR. HYLTON:

1 But does that matter to us as a board?

2 MS. HENRY:

3 Can I ask a question?

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Sure.

6 MS. HENRY:

7 On his -- Page 3 of his application,
8 back to our previous discussion, she said if
9 you had one year in construction, that
10 counted towards your Level B, and he had --
11 at D. Wilson Construction, he had that at a
12 C&D landfill, and then he also had it at
13 this Three Brothers Dirt Pit, so does that
14 kind of count towards some of his
15 experience?

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Well, that's -- that's the
18 construction. That'd be experience, yeah.

19 MS. HENRY:

20 So that's --

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 Yeah. That's it.

23 MS. HENRY:

24 Okay.

25 MR. BARBER:

1 And that would be toward a regular?

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Huh?

4 MR. BARBER:

5 Toward a regular certification?

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 Well, you can take that experience into
8 consideration for a conditional.

9 MR. CREEL:

10 And he's passed the exam.

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 Yeah.

13 MR. CREEL:

14 I mean --

15 MR. GREENE:

16 So if he's got the year, does he still
17 have to do the conditional or --

18 MS. BORDELON:

19 Well, the year -- the year of
20 construction experience only can substitute
21 for the -- one of the two years of required
22 for a regular.

23 MR. GREENE:

24 All right.

25 MS. BORDELON:

1 He still has to have one year of --

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Solid waste.

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 -- solid waste experience for a
6 regular.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 And he's about five months short, so --

9 MS. BORDELON:

10 Yeah. So even if he has the year of
11 construction, he still has to have a year of
12 solid waste experience in the landfill.

13 MS. HENRY:

14 So based on the fact that he's given
15 the one year of construction, he's provided
16 all the information that we've requested
17 about his work at the Acadiana Landfill,
18 then I make a motion we grant his
19 conditional.

20 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

21 Okay. A motion by Ms. Bordelon [sic]
22 to grant the conditional.

23 MS. BORDELON:

24 No. Ms. Henry. My sister.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 A motion by Ms. Henry. I forgot. You
2 can't make a motion.

3 DR. de ABREU:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 Second by Dr. de Abreu that we grant
7 the conditional for Arthur Trahan. Any
8 further discussion? Any objection to the
9 motion? Hearing none, the motion passes.
10 Okay. Extensions to conditionals. Keith
11 Daigle.

12 MR. GREENE:

13 I've got a question. I mean -- and I
14 brought this up before. This is the fourth
15 extension.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Correct.

18 MR. GREENE:

19 What is the reason for extending --

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 Well, because they have -- they have to
22 keep asking for extensions until they make
23 -- meet the requirements for a regular
24 certification, which is either two years for
25 a B or three years for an A.

1 MR. GREENE:

2 But it's not that he's failed the test

3 --

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 No.

6 MR. GREENE:

7 -- number four?

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 No. No. No. No.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 No. No. No.

12 MR. GREENE:

13 Oh, okay.

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 It's because they don't have the two or
16 three years of --

17 MR. GREENE:

18 Yeah. Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 The conditional is only good for six
21 months, and that's the most we can give a
22 conditional for.

23 MR. GREENE:

24 Okay.

25 MS. BORDELON:

1 Right. So they're -- every six months
2 they ask for an extension.

3 MR. GREENE:

4 And that's fine. I was just wondering
5 about if they're having to test --

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 Right.

8 MR. GREENE:

9 -- or retake the test.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 No. No. The stipulation with the
12 conditional is, after the first conditional
13 -- when a conditional is issued, in order
14 for them to get the first extension, they
15 have to have passed the test and attended a
16 workshop.

17 MR. GREENE:

18 Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 So if they don't pass the test, they
21 don't get the first extension.

22 MS. BORDELON:

23 Right.

24 MR. GREENE:

25 Oh, okay. That's fine. I understand.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Okay. Do I hear a motion on Mr.
4 Daigle?

5 MR. WYCHE:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Moved by Mr. Wyche.

9 MR. GREENE:

10 I'll second it.

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 Seconded by Mr. Greene that we grant
13 the conditional extension for Mr. Daigle.
14 Any further discussion? Any objection to
15 the motion? Hearing none, the motion
16 passes. Okay. Extension request on Mr.
17 Charles Titus. C&D, Level A. Although your
18 sheet may have said C&D, Level B, it is a
19 C&D, Level A. And Mr. Titus took the test
20 this morning and passed. This morning he
21 took it. Huh?

22 MS. BORDELON:

23 Yeah.

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 Yeah. He took the test this morning

1 and passed it.

2 MS. BORDELON:

3 And he's at the workshop now. Do I

4 hear a motion --

5 MR. HYLTON:

6 And he replaced --

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 -- on Mr. Titus? Huh?

9 MR. HYLTON:

10 And he replaced somebody?

11 DR. de ABREU:

12 Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 Well, he's already been granted a

15 conditional.

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

19 This is to get the extension of the

20 conditional.

21 MR. HYLTON:

22 Gotcha.

23 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

24 Do I hear a motion?

25 MR. BARBER:

1 So moved.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Moved by Mr. Barber, laughingly. Is
4 there a second to the motion?

5 MR. HYLTON:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 And a second by Mr. Hylton.

9 MR. HYLTON:

10 I wanted that chance before you left to
11 second something you said.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Any further discussion? Any objection
14 to the motion? Hearing none, the motion
15 passes. Okay. Issuance of operator
16 certificates.

17 MR. GREENE:

18 Have we been over David O'Mary?

19 MS. BORDELON:

20 No, we have not.

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 He is -- where is he?

23 MR. WYCHE:

24 He's not on it.

25 MR. GREENE:

1 I've got his name here on the list. I
2 was just looking, and it's asking to attach
3 thirty credit hours. Is this toward his
4 Level A?

5 MR. HYLTON:

6 That's -- well, actually not us. Is
7 it?

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 It was in the packet, but it's on the
10 agenda, but let's add it to the agenda. We
11 must have missed it on the agenda.

12 (OFF RECORD COMMENTS.)

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 All right. I'm sorry. Before we get
15 to operator -- issuance of the certificates,
16 we have the recertification of applications
17 to approve. Everybody got this list? Okay.
18 Darrell Acosta, Landfill, Level A; Wardell
19 Bowie, Landfill, Level A; Ricky Brown, Level
20 B; John Cortez, Landfill, Level A; Barney
21 Fontenot, Landfill, Level A; Mark Heater,
22 Landfill, Level B; Darien Kelly, Landfill,
23 Level B; Lisa Ourso, Landfarm, Level A; Cary
24 Percle, Transfer Station, Level A; Paul
25 Reaux, II, Landfill, Level C; Louis Sanchez,

1 Transfer Station, Level A; Rodney
2 Schamerhorn, C&D, Level A; Patrick Smyth,
3 Transfer Station, Level A. All have
4 completed their necessary hours of training?

5 MS. BORDELON:

6 Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve
9 recertification of the --

10 MR. BARBER:

11 I offer --

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 -- previous applications?

14 MR. BARBER:

15 I offer a motion we approve them.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Motion by Mr. Barber.

18 MS. HENRY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

21 Seconded by Ms. Henry. Any objections
22 to the motion? Hearing none, the motion
23 passes. Okay. We have two incomplete
24 recertifications. Tora Fontenot, Landfill,
25 Level B; and Jevon Natali, Landfill, Level

1 A, who are missing ten hours and were gonna
2 get their ten hours at this seminar.

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 They're both here.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 And they're both here. Okay. Do I
7 hear a motion to approve the recertification
8 of these two individuals upon completion of
9 the seminar in Shreveport?

10 MR. BARBER:

11 So moved.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Second? Moved by Mr. Barber.

14 DR. de ABREU:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Second by Dr. de Abreu. Any objection
18 to the motion? Hearing none, the motion
19 passes. Okay. Now, we have a request for
20 approval of CEUs from Jason Sanders. And
21 that's the one that sent a thesis on all the
22 SWANA courses that he took. So he's asking
23 for thirty hours credit, and --

24 MR. BARBER:

25 Who is this person?

1 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

2 Jason Sanders.

3 MR. CREEL:

4 That's not it. It's the other one.

5 MR. GREENE:

6 I'm sorry. I don't have that one.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 No. The one I have --

9 MR. CREEL:

10 That's the one in your hand.

11 MR. GREENE:

12 This one?

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 Yeah.

15 MS. BORDELON:

16 Yeah.

17 MR. GREENE:

18 Okay.

19 MR. BARBER:

20 So he's asking for thirty hours also?

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 If that's the one that's asking for
23 hours, then --

24 MR. BARBER:

25 Well, I have another one here asking

1 for --

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Yeah. O'Mary? O'Mary is asking for
4 thirty hours, too --

5 MR. BARBER:

6 Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 He's not listed on the agenda, but
9 we're gonna take care of him.

10 MR. BARBER:

11 Okay. Well -- all right. So we're on
12 --

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 Jason Sanders right now.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 -- Jason Sanders. Okay. All right.
17 And you know, let me talk about this just a
18 little bit. I have been in SWANA. Gary has
19 been in. I don't know who else has been
20 involved with them. They're thorough in
21 their classes and their courses, especially
22 the MOLO. I mean, if you can pass the MOLO
23 test, you're good. This particular one,
24 obviously, he attended all of these classes.
25 Now, I'm jumping ahead a little bit to say

1 that. O'Malley [sic] indicates that his was
2 an e-course. I have a problem with that.
3 And we'll talk about it when we get there.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Yeah. Let's just handle Mr. Sanders.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 On this particular one, I have no
8 problem granting thirty hours, but I just
9 want to make sure it's understood before I
10 got there --

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 Are you making a motion to that effect?

13 MR. BARBER:

14 I will make a motion that we grant
15 thirty hours to Jason --

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Sanders.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 -- Sanders.

20 MS. HENRY:

21 And I'll sec- --

22 MS. BORDELON:

23 Okay. Also, you may want to include
24 with that, too, he's asking for his
25 recertification.

1 MR. BARBER:

2 I think that's two different motions.
3 Isn't it?

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 You can make it all in one. Because if
6 you're approving the training hours, then
7 that gives him the hours he needs for
8 recertification.

9 MR. BARBER:

10 So he's here for the training?

11 MS. BORDELON:

12 No. He needed this -- these thirty
13 hours --

14 MR. BARBER:

15 He did these for --

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Correct.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 Okay. I gotcha.

20 MS. HENRY:

21 Towards it.

22 MR. BARBER:

23 Okay. All right. Then I'll include
24 that in the motion.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 Okay. I have a motion from Mr. Barber
2 to approve the training hours for Mr. Jason
3 Sanders and to approve the recertification.
4 Is there a second to the motion?

5 MS. HENRY:

6 I'll second that one.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Seconded by Ms. Henry. Any further
9 discussions? Any objection to the motion?
10 Hearing none, the motion passes. I'd like
11 somebody to make a motion to add to the
12 agenda the request from Mr. David O'Mary for
13 approval of his hours.

14 MR. GREENE:

15 I'll motion.

16 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

17 Motion by Mr. Greene.

18 MR. CREEL:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

21 Second by Mr. Creel that we add this
22 item to the agenda. Any objection to the
23 motion? Hearing none, the motion passes.
24 Okay. So Mr. O'Mary is requesting thirty
25 hours of CEUs for the Manager of Landfill

1 Operations on-demand e-course.

2 MS. HENRY:

3 I think we're all -- don't fall out,
4 Troy, but I'm agree with where you were
5 going. I can turn my computer on and let
6 those videos play all day long and not have
7 to watch the first one.

8 MR. BARBER:

9 Right.

10 MS. HENRY:

11 I do not agree with this one.

12 MR. BARBER:

13 Absolutely.

14 MR. GREENE:

15 I had brought up before, I think that
16 -- and I have all -- full respect for SWANA,
17 the whole nine yards, full respect for them,
18 but -- as I've said, I've only been here for
19 this last three or four meetings -- I just
20 feel as hard as the LSWA works, as hard as
21 the DEQ is, they need to come to this class
22 to -- so we know what we're certifying.
23 Because just what she said, you can punch
24 and go on to the end of it.

25 DR. de ABREU:

1 I have a comment on that. I mean, I
2 don't have a problem with e-courses or -- as
3 long as you take a test.

4 MS. HENRY:

5 Right.

6 DR. de ABREU:

7 I have done that for my Professional
8 Engineer license. I have to do that. And
9 the courses -- of course, SWANA's are very
10 good -- but I mean, just a video, to me, is
11 not enough. I mean, if he can prove that he
12 took a test -- online test, and he passed,
13 I'm okay with that.

14 MR. GREENE:

15 Well, I wouldn't have a problem with
16 passing SWANA's stuff, but we had something
17 in here recently that came in from God knows
18 where, and I mean, none of us could answer
19 if it was even qualified, even though we
20 said, "You can do that," but I just wanted a
21 caveat -- I've said it before -- I'm against
22 giving any e-training unless it's already
23 certified by the DEQ or SWANA -- I mean, or
24 LSWA. Or they just need to come to this
25 class.

1 DR. de ABREU:

2 Exactly.

3 MR. GREENE:

4 I mean, we've all done it for thirty
5 years or as long as this stuff has been
6 going on, and I just -- that's my take on
7 it.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 Also, in here, it says, "Total runtime
10 of all videos is seventeen hours and
11 fifty-three minutes."

12 MS. HENRY:

13 Right.

14 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

15 That's nowhere close to the thirty
16 hours he's asking for. Now, if you go
17 through the regular MOLO course, that is
18 thirty hours.

19 MS. BORDELON:

20 On the certificate it says thirty
21 hours.

22 MR. GREENE:

23 I'm glad you saw that. That was gonna
24 be my second thing.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 And there's no indication on here of a
2 test. If you go through the MOLO course,
3 you have to take the test.

4 MR. BARBER:

5 That's right.

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 Uh-huh (yes).

8 MS. HENRY:

9 I make the motion we do not grant the
10 thirty CEUs.

11 MR. HYLTON:

12 I second.

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 Okay. Motion by Ms. Henry and second
15 by Mr. Hylton that we do not approve the
16 e-course from SWANA for Mr. David O'Mary.
17 Any objection to the motion? Hearing none,
18 the motion passes. Okay. I have another
19 item I'd like to add to the agenda. We got
20 a letter today. This is for an extension of
21 a conditional. I'd like to get a motion to
22 add it to the agenda.

23 MR. BARBER:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

1 Moved by Mr. Barber.

2 DR. de ABREU:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

5 Second by Dr. de Abreu that we add this
6 item to the agenda for a conditional
7 extension. Any objections to the motion?
8 Hearing none, the motion passes. Suzanne --
9 one of the operators -- his name is Dennis
10 Gibson -- has a current conditional, and he
11 approached Suzanne this morning. You want
12 to go ahead and explain what took place?

13 MS. BORDELON:

14 He just said -- he approached me and
15 said, "I need you to check on my
16 certification. I think I need to double-up
17 on my hours this year." I said, "Okay.
18 I'll pull it up -- I have my computer up --
19 to see when you expire." Well, come to find
20 out, he has a conditional I think he was a
21 little confused about, and it expires
22 tomorrow, and he had not yet asked for an
23 extension, so we had him handwrite a letter
24 so that we could present it to the board
25 today to ask for his extension. He had

1 already taken the test back in October or
2 December -- yeah. In October, I think. And
3 he's already attended two workshops since
4 then.

5 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

6 I'll go ahead and read his letter.
7 Suzanne was not able to get any copies made
8 in time for the meeting. "To whom this may
9 concern: Vernon Parish Police Jury is
10 requesting a six-month extension of a C&D,
11 Level A conditional solid waste operator
12 certificate for Dennis Gibson. If you need
13 to contact us for any questions, please do
14 so at 337-238-0324. Contact person:
15 Belinda Diehl. Thank you very much for your
16 help." And then he signed the letter.

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 And he is, I believe, in fact, their
19 only operator. Their Level A operator, I
20 believe, had passed away, and that's how he
21 ended up with a conditional.

22 MR. WYCHE:

23 This would be the first extension of
24 his?

25 MS. BORDELON:

1 His first extension, yes. No. Second
2 extension. I'm sorry. Second extension.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 Okay. Do I hear a motion?

5 MR. HYLTON:

6 I'll move.

7 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

8 Moved by Mr. Hylton.

9 DR. de ABREU:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

12 Second by Dr. de Abreu that we grant
13 the extension of the conditional certificate
14 for Dennis Gibson, C&D, Level A. Any
15 objection to the motion? Okay. Hearing
16 none, the motion passes. Okay. Now we have
17 the issuance of operator certificates.

18 MS. BORDELON:

19 Yes. Okay. We have Jeddie Bankston,
20 C&D, Level B; Glyn Davis, Landfill, Level B;
21 Timothy Cowart, Landfill, Level B; Edward
22 Gasca, Landfill, Level B; Mark Grillo,
23 Incinerator, Level A; Keely Grigsby,
24 Landfill, Level B; Tamisha Jordan, Landfill,
25 Level B; Randy Kenly, Jr., Incinerator,

1 Level B.

2 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

3 Do I hear a motion to approve the
4 issuance of the certificates for the above-
5 mentioned operators?

6 MR. WYCHE:

7 There was one name I didn't remember.

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 Oh, yeah. Keely Grigsby?

10 MR. WYCHE:

11 Yes.

12 MS. BORDELON:

13 Because her application was approved
14 back in March, but she only tested today.

15 MR. GREENE:

16 I'll make a motion.

17 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

18 A motion by Mr. Greene to issue the
19 certificates. Is there a second to the
20 motion?

21 MR. BARBER:

22 I second it.

23 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

24 Second by Mr. Barber. Any further
25 discussion? Any objection to the motion?

1 Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

2 Okay. Committee reports. Awards, Mr. Danny
3 Hylton.

4 MR. HYLTON:

5 Nothing to report.

6 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

7 Nothing going on. Okay. Testing, Mr.
8 Bo LaGrange who is not here. Ms. Bordelon
9 can give his report. I bet you're gonna
10 give it anyway.

11 MS. BORDELON:

12 Yeah. Seven tested today. We had two
13 -- I had two that came to Baton Rouge and
14 tested between -- since March. All passed.

15 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

16 All passed. Okay. Very good.
17 Continuing education, Mr. Barber.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 Yes, sir. We had fifty-two
20 participants today.

21 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

22 Well, I'm glad you could give your own
23 report today, Mr. Barber. Since this is
24 your last meeting, you know.

25 MR. BARBER:

1 And our next one will be in October in
2 Lake Charles.

3 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

4 Very good. Okay. Nominating
5 committee, Ms. Henry.

6 MS. HENRY:

7 Okay. Mr. Danny Hylton's first term
8 will expire October of this year. There's
9 been a letter that will be sent to request a
10 second term for him. Troy Barber will be
11 expiring in October of '19. There will be a
12 letter sent to request another nomination.

13 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

14 That's for -- from LMA. Right?

15 MS. HENRY:

16 From the Louisiana Municipal. Yes,
17 sir. And Mr., Gary Bonvillain will also be
18 expiring in October of this year, and the
19 LSWA --

20 MR. WYCHE:

21 His term is expiring. Right?

22 MR. HYLTON:

23 Term.

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 I was about to make that correction.

1 I'm glad you did it for me.

2 MS. HENRY:

3 Troy's term and Mr. Gary's term will be
4 expiring -- not them, personally -- excuse
5 me. Their term will be expiring. The
6 LSWA/SWANA will send another letter in for
7 their replacement.

8 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

9 Okay. Very good.

10 MS. HENRY:

11 And that all I have.

12 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

13 Okay. Any other business anybody has
14 to bring up? Any further comments? And our
15 shadow left, so there's no comments from
16 there.

17 MR. GRILLO:

18 I'm good.

19 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

20 You're good? All right. Do I hear a
21 motion to adjourn?

22 MR. BARBER:

23 So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN BONVILLAIN:

25 Moved by Mr. Barber.

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MS. HENRY:

Seconded by Ms. Henry. Any objections
to the motion? Hearing none, the motion
passes.

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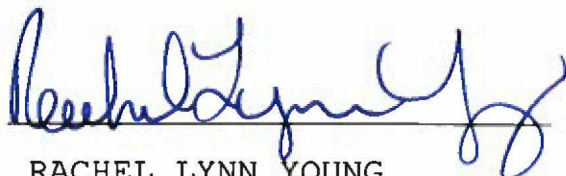
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