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IN RE:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
AND TRAINING FOR SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATORS

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The Public Hearing held by the Department
of Environmental Quality, Via Zoom,
beginning at 10:11 a.m., on March 15, 2024.

BEFORE:

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Certified Court Reporter
In and For the State of
Louisiana

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A P P E A R A N C E S

**FOR THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:**

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Hearing Officer

Bubba Wynn
Richard LeBouef
Donnie Colona
Donovan Driskill
Robert Thomas
Jason Brancamp

Shirley Robins
Keri Meyers

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EXAMINATION:

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EXHIBITS:

None

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MR. DE ABREU:

We have a quorum. Do we have any one who has not received the meeting agenda for today?

You haven't received the meeting agenda?

(UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER)

As far as I know.

MR. DE ABREU:

Everybody received the meeting agenda?

(All indicated a positive response.)

MR. DE ABREU:

First, I would like to make a motion to modify the agenda as -- put as item number two, Ms. Yolanda -- is going to speak about the course for the July and October 2024 LSWA workshop agenda. And also I would like to put as item number three of this agenda by Mr. Kirby to speak about re-certification of -- operators at the republic service.

I make a motion. Anyone want to second?

1 MR. WYNN:

2 Second.

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 A second by Mr. Wynn. Any comments?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 If not, the motion carries.

8 Please, Ms. Yolanda.

9 MS. YOLANDA:

10 (Inaudible) workshops scheduled for
11 July 9th and 10th in Shreveport and
12 October 29th and 30th in Lake Charles.
13 So we will kick off at 10:00 o'clock.
14 And we -- we have the agenda items there.
15 And so as we did last year, what we'd
16 like to do is some type of field trip, a
17 field demonstration for the land field
18 operators. And right now, we're
19 proposing some type of inspection
20 preparation and essentially like a
21 landfill (inaudible) more or less a
22 hands-on training. We really trying to
23 move toward (inaudible). And then we'll
24 have a separate agenda of the (inaudible)
25 -- anybody that's outside of, say, Type

1 I, Type II. And actually, I need to make
2 an adjustment. So for this particular
3 agenda, it'll be Type I, Type II -- Type
4 I, Type II, Type III operators that'll
5 have -- that'll be a part of the field
6 demonstration.

7 And so -- and after also talking to
8 LSWA board of member, Kirk Thompson, I
9 want to add an amendment today too. We
10 probably -- we will not -- the first
11 item, Solid Waste Collection (inaudible)
12 Driver Safety, we want to submit that as
13 an agenda item. But do you -- you do see
14 we have options, haz communications or
15 heavy equipment machine and safety, CPR
16 and AD or (inaudible) prevention. So
17 that'll give us the required ten hours.

18 So if you have any questions
19 (inaudible).

20 COURT REPORTER:

21 I can't hear anything.

22 (Zoom was disconnected.)

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 So, Ms. Robins, you have a comment
25 on --

1 MS. ROBINS:

2 No.

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 So why it was not an accept, the
5 application?

6 MS. ROBINS:

7 I didn't know that at the time about
8 the Covid situation.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Oh, okay.

11 MS. ROBINS:

12 I can't go -- I don't remember
13 exactly when I spoke with him.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 So --

16 MS. ROBINS:

17 Yeah.

18 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER)

19 -- I didn't remember if it was you I
20 spoke with or --

21 MS. ROBINS:

22 It probably was me.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 Oh. But yeah, I mean, I have a copy
25 of --

1 (Inaudible conversation.)

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER::

3 The certification is still good.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 And you have a copy the
6 certification --

7 MR. BOSSIER:

8 The computer needs to be in front of
9 the person speaking.

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 Oh, but you can hear me?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 Yeah, because the computer is in
14 front of you.

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 Okay.

17 MR. DE ABREU:

18 Okay. So he applied on November
19 21st, 2023, that's when the -- he paid
20 the re-certification fee and the first
21 certification was issued June 6th, 2019.
22 So with one year, that would be expired
23 by June 6th, 2023. All right. And I see
24 here that he completes the entire 40
25 hours, yes?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 So yeah, I can see where she was
3 looking because it -- this June 6th, it
4 expired and we received it in November,
5 so it was just a few months late or
6 whatever.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 When you add --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 It was more than the three. When
11 you add --

12 (Inaudible conversation.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Okay. And for all of the people in
15 this situation, the board agrees that it
16 has to be (inaudible) certification?

17 MR. WYNN:

18 I make a motion.

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 A motion by Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
21 second?

22 MR. LEBOUF:

23 Second.

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Second by Mr. LeBouef.

1 Any comments? Any discussions?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. DE ABREU:

4 The motion carries. Thank you.

5 Thank you for the -- thank you.

6 Okay. Next item on the agenda is
7 the review applications for regular
8 certification.

9 (Inaudible conversation.)

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 So the next item, as I was saying,
12 is the review of applications for our
13 regular certification. The first one on
14 the list is Ebony Mickens, Transfer
15 Station for Waste Connections. Transfer
16 Station at what level?

17 (Inaudible conversation.)

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Passed the test on December 15th
20 2023. Any comments on the application?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 No comments. Do we have a motion?

24 MR. WYNN:

25 Motion.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
3 second?

4 MR. DRISKILL:

5 I second.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Second by Mr. Driskill.

8 Any comments?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 Hearing none, the motion carries.

12 Next is Ronald Dartez, C&D Level A.

13 And the facility is called Krause &

14 Managan Landfill.

15 Any comments on the application?

16 MR. DRISKILL:

17 I make a motion to approve.

18 MR. WYNN:

19 Second.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 A motion by Mr. Driskill, second by

22 Mr. Wynn.

23 Any comments?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Hearing none, the motion carries.

2 Next is Angelique Leonard. She's
3 applying for Landfill Level A at Harold J
4 Babe Landry Landfill.

5 MS. ROBINS:

6 She passed her test on yesterday.

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 Thank you. Any comments on the
9 application?

10 MR. WYNN:

11 I make a motion.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Motion to approve by Mr. Wynn.

14 MR. LEBOUF:

15 I second that.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Second by Mr. LeBouef.

18 Any comments?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Hearing none, that motion carries.

22 Next is Marcus Benoit, Landfill
23 Level B at Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 He passed his test on Wednesday.

1 (Inaudible conversation.)

2 MR. LEBOUF:

3 I'd say we grant a conditional for
4 him, potentially.

5 MS. ROBINS:

6 Approve conditional?

7 MR. DE ABREU:

8 No. Is that the motion?

9 MR. LEBOUF:

10 Yes. That's the motion.

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Do we want that in discussion before
13 we make a motion?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Okay. A motion by Mr. LeBouef.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

18 I would like to extend that to
19 automatically (inaudible) when his work
20 experience (inaudible) certifications.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Okay.

23 MR. LEBOUF:

24 I withdraw the motion. And second
25 the motion.

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Okay. Any other comments?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Okay. So we are giving him a
6 temporary conditional certification until
7 October. And upon that he will be
8 receiving the -- having the experience in
9 October, we give him a regular
10 certification. Okay. All right. Any
11 other comments?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Hearing none, the motion carries.
15 Next is Keith Dubois, Landfill Level B
16 for Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

17 MR. DRISKILL:

18 I move we approve.

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 A motion to accept by Mr. Driskill.

21 MR. LEBOUF:

22 I'll second that.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Second by Mr. LeBouef.

25 Any comments?

1 MS. ROBINS:

2 He passed his test on Wednesday
3 also.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 No other comments, the motion
6 carries.

7 Next is Christian Woodard, Landfill
8 Level B, Waste Connections.

9 MS. ROBINS:

10 He passed his test on Wednesday
11 also.

12 MR. WYNN:

13 I make a motion.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Motion by Mr. Wynn to accept the
16 application.

17 Do I hear a second?

18 MR. BRANCAMP:

19 Second.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Second by Mr. Brancamp.

22 Any comments?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Hearing none, the motion carries.

1 Next is Jacob Wilkerson, C&D Level A
2 with Wilkerson Transportation. Passed
3 the test on February 29th, 2024.

4 MR. LEBOUF:

5 I make a motion to accept.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 A motion to accept the application
8 by Mr. Lebouef.

9 Do I hear a second?

10 MR. DRISKILL:

11 Second.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Second my Mr. Driskill.

14 Any other comments?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Hearing none, the motion carries.
18 Next is Johnny Robertson, C&D Level A
19 with L&B Materials Management.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 He has no solid waste experience.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 This is the guy that's trying to
24 open a C&D site in Tangipahoa Parish.
25 (Inaudible).

1 MR. WYNN:

2 He does have landfill experience
3 looking at employer number three 2001 to
4 2005, he has with Waste Management
5 Jefferson Parish. Johnny Robertson,
6 yeah. I make a motion to accept it.

7 MR. COLONA:

8 I second.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 A motion by Mr. Wynn, a second by
11 Mr. Colona.

12 (Inaudible conversation.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Any comments?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 The motion carries.

18 Next is Tyler Clark, C&D Level B,
19 L&B Materials Management.

20 MR. WYNN:

21 Yeah, because this is the one that
22 does not have any solid waste experience.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 Just by me personally knowing that
25 he's got his own little business and he's

1 worked for this guy doing storm debris --

2 MR. WYNN:

3 Right.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 -- from Ida. So the only experience
6 he would have would be --

7 MR. WYNN:

8 Debris management.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 -- debris management, burning, open
11 burning, (inaudible) stuff like that he's
12 been working on with this guy.

13 MR. WYNN:

14 Which is also, though, considered as
15 solid waste, the air burn permits.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Yeah.

18 MR. WYNN:

19 But --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 I don't know.

22 MR. WYNN:

23 Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25 You have anything to add, Ms.

1 Shirley?

2 MS. ROBINS:

3 No.

4 MR. WYNN:

5 I would make the suggestion that he
6 reissues his application and go further
7 into detail on his solid waste experience
8 --

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Yeah.

11 MR. WYNN:

12 -- such as site debris.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Yes. And show that he has at least
15 three years of experience --

16 MR. WYNN:

17 But now if they need him for a B
18 Level on site, we could waive one year
19 for his experience and then give him --

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 That's correct.

22 MR. WYNN:

23 -- at that time.

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Yeah.

1 MS. ROBINS:

2 So --

3 MR. WYNN:

4 And so I make a motion that we deny
5 his application.

6 MS. ROBINS:

7 Deny? Because not enough
8 experience?

9 MR. WYNN:

10 Well, and it's -- the application is
11 not self explanatory about solid waste
12 experience.

13 MS. ROBINS:

14 So need more experience?

15 MR. WYNN:

16 Yes.

17 MS. ROBINS:

18 Okay.

19 MR. LEBOUF:

20 I'll second that.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Mr.
23 LeBouef.

24 Any other comments?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 I have one.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Yes?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 You issuing him a conditional or
6 just denying the application?

7 MR. WYNN:

8 Deny the application right now.
9 He's got to resubmit one for additional,
10 if they are needing the operator.

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Right.

13 MR. WYNN:

14 (Inaudible.)

15 MR. DE ABREU:

16 Yes. So it's just a matter of
17 explaining that he has the -- some
18 experience and how many years he has of
19 that and the need for the facility to
20 have a Level B operator.

21 Okay. Any other comments?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Hearing none, the motion to deny his
25 certification carries.

1 Next is Justin Jacobsen, C&D Level B
2 with L&B Materials Management.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 Well, he put down the (inaudible)
5 site.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

7 This is the actual owner who's
8 trying to open the site.

9 MR. WYNN:

10 Did he put down the other one?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 Yeah. On the second employer?
13 That's the original.

14 MR. WYNN:

15 Oh, yeah, for this one. I thought
16 you was talking about the last one.

17 MR. DRISKILL:

18 I'm moving to approve this one.

19 MR. COLONA:

20 I'll second.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Motion by Mr. Driskill. Second by
23 Mr. Colona.

24 Any comments?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 Hearing none, the motion carries.

3 Next is Cody Loftin, Transfer
4 Station, Level A with the Whites
5 Environmental.

6 MS. ROBINS:

7 He passed his test on yesterday.

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 He passed the test.

10 MR. WYNN:

11 I make a motion.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 A motion to approve by Mr. Wynn.

14 MR. BRANCAMP:

15 Second.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Second by Mr. Brancamp.

18 Any other comments?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Hearing none, the motion carries.

22 Next is Harvey Guimbellot, Landfill
23 Level B with Sabine Police Jury.

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 He also passed his test on

1 yesterday.

2 MR. LEBOUF:

3 I'll make that motion.

4 MR. WYNN:

5 Second.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Motion to approve the application by
8 Mr. Lebouef. Second by Mr. Wynn.

9 Any other comments?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Hearing none, the motion carries.

13 Next item in the agenda is the
14 reviewing the request conditional
15 certification. The first one that we
16 have on the list is Audriana Bills, C&D
17 Level B with Waste Pro Riverside
18 Landfill. And she took the test?

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 Yeah. She passed yesterday.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 And she took the test and passed.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 She has enough time for a regular
25 cert. Why -- why a conditional?

1 MR. DE ABREU:

2 On the discretion of the board, we
3 can give her a regular certification if
4 she --

5 MR. DRISKILL:

6 Well, I'll make that motion to
7 receive a regular certification.

8 MR. LEBOUF:

9 I'll second that.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 Okay. Any comments?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Okay. So a motion by Mr. Driskill.
15 Second by Mr. Lebouef to give not a
16 conditional certification, but a regular
17 certification to Ms. Audriana Bills.

18 Any other comments?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

20 The only other thing, she does not
21 have to resubmit the application.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Right. Yes, sir.

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Other comments?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 Hearing none, the motion carries.

4 Next James Ates, Landfill Level A
5 with the Union Parish Sanitary Landfill.
6 He passed the test on October 25th, 2022.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 Is he replacing anyone or --

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Replacing Tony (inaudible). The
11 termination date for that operator was
12 February 7th, 2024.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 Okay. I'll make a motion to approve
15 the conditional.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 A motion to approve the application.
18 Do I hear a second?

19 MR. WYNN:

20 Second.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Second by Mr. Wynn.

23 Any comments?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 Hearing none, the motion carries.
2 Next, Brodie Wilson, C&D Level B at
3 Acadiana Landfill. Passed the test on
4 March 15th, 2023.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 This is another one that has enough
7 time for a regular certification.

8 MR. DRISKILL:

9 I'm making a motion we do like we
10 did for Ms. Bills, just a regular
11 certification --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 And not have to resubmit that.

14 MR. DRISKILL:

15 -- and not have to resubmit that.

16 MR. LEBOUF:

17 I second that.

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Motion by Mr. Driskill. Second by
20 Mr. Lebouef.

21 Any other comments?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 So we're giving a regular
25 certification to Mr. Brodie Wilson. He

1 passed the test and has enough
2 experience.

3 Next is Dawn Naquin, C&D Level B
4 with Acadiana Landfill.

5 MR. DRISKILL:

6 So I'll -- I'll make the motion.

7 MR. WYNN:

8 Second.

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 A motion by Mr. Driskill to approve
11 the application. Second by Mr. Wynn.

12 Any comments?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Hearing none, the motion carries.

16 Next item in the agenda is the
17 review of applications for re-
18 certification.

19 So I have on my list John Cortez,
20 Connie Henry, Stephen Walker, Steven
21 Dupre.

22 So for Ms. Connie Henry, she is
23 requesting a lifetime re-certification.
24 Which let's single out there -- her for a
25 minute, let's just concentrate on John

1 Cortez, Stephen Walker and Steve Dupre.
2 So all these applicants has
3 submitted the -- the fee and also the
4 proof that they -- of 40 hours that they
5 have. Do I hear a motion to approve
6 those re-certifications, okay, for Mr.
7 John Cortez, Stephen Walker and Steve
8 Dupre?

9 MR. WYNN:

10 I'll make the motion.

11 MR. COLONA:

12 I'll second.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second by Mr.
15 Colona.

16 Any other questions, comments?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. DE ABREU:

19 Hearing none, the motion carries.

20 Now, do I hear a motion to approve
21 Ms. Connie Henry for a lifetime
22 certification?

23 MR. DRISKILL:

24 I'll make that motion.

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 For all --

2 MR. COLONA:

3 I'll second.

4 MR. DE ABREU:

5 Motion moved by Mr. Driskill.

6 Second by Mr. Colona.

7 Any comments?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DE ABREU:

10 Hearing none, the motion carries.

11 So we approve the lifetime certification
12 for Ms. Connie Henry.

13 Next item in the agenda is the
14 review application for reciprocity. And
15 I had one case (inaudible), Landfill
16 Level B with ESI La Landfill Corporation.
17 And he's requesting this -- which he
18 passed the test on Texas regulations and
19 I think he would have -- the Texas
20 regulations, which mirrors pretty much
21 what we have, the -- request -- the
22 requirements for -- for operators here in
23 Louisiana as well.

24 MR. LEBOUJEF:

25 (Inaudible) Section 23 clears him

1 for that. I'll make that motion to
2 accept.

3 MR. WYNN:

4 Second.

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 Motion to approve his application.
7 Second by Mr. Wynn. Motion to approve
8 the application by Mr. Lebouef, second by
9 Mr. Wynn.

10 Any other comments?

11 (Inaudible conversation.)

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Any other comments on the
14 application?

15 So that's how we do it, we check
16 applications to see if they -- they are
17 reciprocal or if they -- the regulations
18 are the same or --

19 Any other comments?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Hearing none, the motion carries.
23 Next item is the issuance of operator
24 certifications.

25 MR. WYNN:

1 Before we go into the thing we were
2 talking about this morning with Suzanne?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 Yeah. I think we did it earlier.
5 He said --

6 MR. WYNN:

7 Oh, we did.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 Yeah, the Daniel Reed Thomas.

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 Is that the same with the John
12 Cortez too?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 Yes.

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 So he's going to have the 24 also?
17 He has 24?

18 MR. WYNN:

19 Right.

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Is there any -- can you say the
22 least on the applicants that we've given
23 the operator certifications today?

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 We are approving Ebony Mickens,

1 Ronald Dartez, Angelique Leonard, Keith
2 Dubois, Christian Woodard, Jacob
3 Wilkerson, Johnny Robertson, Justin
4 Jacobsen, Cody Loftin, Harvey Guimbellot,
5 Audriana Bills and Brodie Wilson.

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve
8 the operator certifications to all these
9 gentlemen and ladies?

10 MR. DRISKILL:

11 Motion.

12 MR. DE ABREU:

13 Motion by Mr. Driskill.

14 MR. BRANCAMP:

15 Second.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Second by Mr. Brancamp.

18 Any comments?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DE ABREU:

21 Hearing none, the motion carries.

22 So next item on the agenda is the
23 committee reports. First, awards. Mr.
24 Richard LeBouef.

25 MR. LEBOUF:

1 None at this time, Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 All right.

4 (Inaudible conversation.)

5 MR. DE ABREU:

6 All right. Testing, Mr. Wynn?

7 MR. WYNN:

8 I normally lie on --

9 MS. ROBINS:

10 We have 13 -- we had 13 today.

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 All right. Just out of curiosity,
13 how many passed and --

14 MS. ROBINS:

15 Everybody passed.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Everybody passed. Great.

18 (Inaudible conversation.)

19 MR. DE ABREU:

20 Next is continuing education with
21 Mr. Driskill.

22 MR. DRISKILL:

23 (Inaudible).

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 We have also the dates already for

1 the -- the workshop that usually are
2 board meetings that first date, so it
3 probably is going to be July 9th. And
4 the first day -- I'm sorry -- July 9th
5 and October 29th. Usually we do after --
6 immediately after lunch, around 12:15,
7 but we'll -- we'll set up a day for
8 everyone.

9 Next is Mr. Donnie Colona on
10 nomination.

11 MR. COLONA:

12 I don't have any.

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Don't have any.

15 (Inaudible conversation.)

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 Okay. Well, we -- we still need
18 people for the board. We still have two
19 -- three vacancies.

20 (Inaudible conversation.)

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 So if you know someone that can
23 apply. (Inaudible conversation.)

24 MR. DE ABREU:

25 Other business?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 I just want to bring to your
4 attention that sometimes what's happening
5 is -- and I know some of you are aware
6 too -- is that some people prefer not to
7 -- or when they expire, they don't take
8 the -- the hours, the 40 hours. Some
9 people are preferring not to do that and
10 retake the test and submit a new
11 application. Yes. So let's think about
12 that and maybe we can reconvene before
13 the next meeting if there's anything that
14 we can do to -- for that not to happen.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 Actually, on this, there is nothing
17 we can do.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Well, we can change the rules.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 We would have to go through the
22 legislation.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 We can go through legislation.

25 That's the perfect timing to. That's the

1 perfect timing to.

2 MR. DE ABREU:

3 We don't want to do that. But, if
4 some -- everybody starts doing that,
5 that's going to be a problem for the
6 workshop. Yes.

7 (Inaudible conversation.)

8 MR. WYNN:

9 Here's another thing, if we're going
10 to change any legislation, then I feel
11 like a Type I facility, which is an
12 industrial facility, should have a
13 certified operator on site.

14 MR. DE ABREU:

15 Well, you remember --

16 MR. WYNN:

17 It is a industrial facility. And we
18 got several of our Type II and III
19 facilities that are also Type I and
20 they're required to have a certified
21 operator on site.

22 MR. DE ABREU:

23 I completely agree with you. I
24 completely agree. I think when the
25 certification for operators they want to

1 include Level A and B and C for Type I's
2 too, but we had -- at that time, they had
3 very strong opposition from the -- so
4 that's why it was just for Type II and
5 Type III levels that are required to have
6 a certified --

7 MR. WYNN:

8 I think that's something that DEQ
9 needs to revisit and require.

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 I think so, especially for safety --
12 (Inaudible conversation.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 Okay. I think -- I think that's
15 another point of discussion that we can
16 have maybe our next phone call that we
17 can talk about that and discuss a little
18 further, those topics.

19 MR. WYNN:

20 And I told the secretary I would be
21 -- I put her on that. It was one thing
22 that I really was pushing for.

23 MR. DE ABREU:

24 Any other comments on those?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 I was just wondering if we could
2 reach out to them, you know, by email or
3 something, the people that their
4 certification won't expired, you know.
5 We should send an email or --

6 MR. DE ABREU:

7 Yes. I think that's a good idea.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 That was the last thing on my --

10 MR. DE ABREU:

11 Okay. Any other business?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DE ABREU:

14 All right. Next item is the public
15 comments.

16 We have a member of the public here.
17 You want to speak?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 No. We had a conversation yesterday
20 about (inaudible). I don't think it's
21 very important, you know, and whatnot to
22 have any operator in the industrial
23 (inaudible).

24 MR. WYNN:

25 Well, the thing about it is, you got

1 tc look at it a lot of times, these
2 industrial landfills are handling a lot
3 more hazardous stuff that we don't -- so
4 why not make sure you got a certified --
5 somebody trained to handle this material,
6 besides their own in-house training.

7 (Inaudible conversation.)

8 MR. DE ABREU:

9 Any other public comments?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DE ABREU:

12 Okay. Do we hear a motion to
13 adjourn?

14 MR. LEBOUF:

15 I make a motion.

16 MR. DE ABREU:

17 A motion by Mr. Lebouef. Do I hear
18 a second?

19 MR. DRISKILL:

20 Second.

21 MR. DE ABREU:

22 Second motion by Mr. Driskill.

23 Any other comments?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DE ABREU:

1 The meeting is adjured. Thank you
2 so much. Thank you everybody.

3 **THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 10:52 A.M.**

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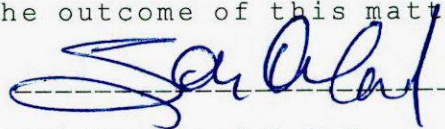
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