

SOLID WASTE BOARD MEETING

GOLDEN NUGGET BOARD ROOM

OCTOBER 28, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

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BOARD CERTIFICATION AND
TRAINING FOR SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT OPERATORS

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The board meeting concerning Board of Certification and Training for Solid Waste Management Operators, taken before Sheri Bertrand, Certified Court Reporter, at Golden Nugget, 2550 Golden Nugget Boulevard, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on October 28, 2025, beginning at 1:38 p.m.

1 APPEARANCES :

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3 MR. CHAIRMAN, RICHARD LEBOUF

4 MINUTE CLERK, SHIRLEY ROBINS

5 DONOVAN DRISKILL

6 GARY BONVILLAIN

7 DONNIE COLOMA

8 JONATHAN FOURRIER

9 DARYL PRATT

10 JASON BRUNCAMP

11 YOLANDA RIGHTEOUS

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1 PROCEEDINGS:

2 MR. CHAIRMAN:

3 The Louisiana DEQ Board Certification and
4 training for Solid Waste Management Operators
5 will now come to order. It's Tuesday, October
6 28th at 1:35 p.m. Roll call, please, ma'am.

7 MINUTE CLERK:

8 Richard LeBouef?

9 MR. CHAIRMAN:

10 Here.

11 MINUTE CLERK:

12 Donnie Coloma.

13 MR. COLOMA:

14 Here.

15 MINUTE CLERK:

16 Donovan Driskill.

17 MR. DRISKILL:

18 Here.

19 MINUTE CLERK:

20 Jason Brumcamp.

21 MR. BRUMCAMP:

22 Here.

23 MINUTE CLERK:

24 Jonathan --

25 MR. FOURRIER:

1 Fourrier.

2 MINUTE CLERK:

3 -- Fourrier?

4 MR. FOURRIER:

5 Here.

6 MINUTE CLERK:

7 Daryl Pratt?

8 MR. PRATT:

9 Here.

10 MINUTE CLERK:

11 Gary Bonvillo --

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 Bonvillain.

14 MINUTE CLERK:

15 Bonvillain?

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 Here.

18 MINUTE CLERK:

19 Shirley Robins and Yolanda Righteous.

20 That's everybody.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN:

22 Second on the agenda is the election of

23 the chairman and vice chairman. Do we have

24 any nominations for the vice chairman?

25 MR. BONVILLAIN:

1 I nominate Richard LeBouef for Chairman.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN:

3 I think that was for the vice chairman.

4 MR. FOURRIER:

5 I second.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN:

7 Are there any comments? Well, I guess
8 that's approved. All right, any discussion?
9 Any further nominations? All right, now, for
10 vice chairman? Do I hear any nominations for
11 vice chairman?

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 I nominate Jon Fourrier.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN:

15 Can the Chairman second that?

16 MR. BRUNCAMP:

17 I'll second.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Are there any other nominations? Hearing
20 none, I move that it be closed. Mr. Jon
21 Fourrier, congratulations, sir.

22 MR. FOURRIER:

23 Thank you.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 All right, on the next item, we have

1 review the agenda for approval for hours of
2 2026 LA Environmental Conference. Ms. Yolanda
3 Righteous is with us today.

4 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

5 Okay, thank you, and thanks to the Board
6 for giving me an opportunity to come before
7 you today to present the agenda for the 2026
8 spring conference. I emailed it ahead of time
9 because I didn't really want to waste y'all's
10 time, but I'll just point out a few
11 highlights. I think the intent of the
12 conference is to always make it -- especially
13 for the operators -- to make it more hands on,
14 right, and to keep safety as a big part of the
15 agenda for the operators. And then just to
16 bring a more practical approach to training
17 for the operators. So if there's anything to
18 highlight, it's just that, and trying to get
19 away from the whole classroom style, just
20 sitting down and somebody sitting and just,
21 you know, like a classroom, which not all of
22 us really like that.

23 So the idea is to make it more
24 interactive, to make it fun, you know, to make
25 it exciting and to make it engaging. And so

1 each year, I think we continue to push, push,
2 push to, you know, strike that balance
3 between, you know, learning and also, you
4 know, make it fun. So what better way to, you
5 know, learn and to just kind of like have some
6 fun at the same time.

7 So, hopefully, we've captured that in the
8 agenda. I want to thank Jon, Richard, Gary
9 from the Board that continues to, you know,
10 support me and my efforts to continue to push
11 the envelope, you know, with the conference.
12 And, you know, Jon has been a big part of the
13 planning committee, so you know, thanks to
14 those guys because without the planning
15 committee, I mean, none of this is doable.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN:

17 I think what you've captured in the
18 agenda far surpasses what happened last year
19 because Lord only knows, we were headed to
20 the -- the hands-on part. We failed
21 miserably, so --

22 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

23 Wait, what did you just say?

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 I said that we had it at the St. Landry

1 Parish Landfill on the failure bus -- it was
2 miserable. Stopped on the side of the road
3 four times.

4 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

5 So I wanted to send it to Shirley ahead
6 of time and give you guys an opportunity to
7 review it and to answer any questions that you
8 may have concerning the conference.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN:

10 I think you've done an amazing job. Any
11 comments?

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 No.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN:

15 Do I have a motion to accept?

16 MR. PRATT:

17 I move we approve.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Second?

20 MR. COLOMA:

21 Second.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN:

23 Any comments? Motion approved. Thank
24 you for everything.

25 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

1 Okay, do I discuss my second item?

2 MR. CHAIRMAN:

3 Absolutely, let's go.

4 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

5 So at the time meeting this morning with
6 the LSWA Board, this is something that's been
7 like on our to-do list for, I want to say, I
8 don't know, since probably last year. We've
9 been talking about that we need to probably
10 update the test, get a team of folks together
11 to look at the test and update the test. We
12 also talked about Shirley, you know, bringing
13 the test, you know, in terms of Scantron or,
14 you know, have some type of, you know,
15 electronic way of, you know, either
16 administering the test, you know, reviewing
17 the test. It'll help you out a whole lot, and
18 to also provide resources, whether it's
19 practice tests that we could put online,
20 whether it's test prep that we can do for the
21 operators. So just thinking of more ways to
22 truly support the operators. Because we know
23 that for some of these guys, that test is, you
24 know, my job or not my job, so it's so, so, so
25 important, right.

1 And so we know that everybody comes with,
2 you know, some challenges, you know. And so
3 not everybody is a test taker, so, you know,
4 for me, it's like when a guy passes his test,
5 he's like, whoo, and I know you probably feel
6 that, too. Because you just don't want a guy
7 not to pass that test because there's so much
8 riding on that, right? So the Board of LSWA,
9 we want to kind of like step up. And I talked
10 to Morgan a little bit. He found there's some
11 errors in one or two things about the test.
12 He's like, well, this is not quite right,
13 cause he got it wrong. He was like, this is
14 not wrong, I got this right, but it was marked
15 wrong. So to just update the test, have some
16 test-prep resources on the website. You know,
17 even if there's some virtual test prepping
18 that we can do, and even if, you know, there's
19 some recordings that we do, they can just go
20 online and do test prep on their own.

21 So they're talking to the Board this
22 morning. Of course, we want to have somebody
23 from DEQ. We want to have somebody from this
24 Board, have somebody from the LSWA Board, just
25 a small team of people. You, of course,

1 (inaudible), I think she would be helpful,
2 just her -- you know, her background and her
3 experience. Form a little team and kind of
4 like maybe kick it off at the beginning of the
5 year and talk about updating the test. So
6 that's my little spiel.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN:

8 Any discussion today, guys?

9 MINUTE CLERK:

10 Good idea.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN:

12 I think that having -- I've got three new
13 guys that -- two new guys that are gonna be --
14 those guys have never worked at a landfill
15 before and, again, it's a moral factor. I had
16 two guys yesterday like that and they were
17 shooed out the door. They had a condition you
18 got to test in six months after that, and they
19 had the test prep material for awhile, but I
20 think that that would be way, way, way
21 advanced in trying to help those guys.

22 MR. PRATT:

23 What is the test prep materials? Is that
24 just paper? Is that all it is, it's like
25 webinars, or?

1 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

2 Yeah, it's pretty much a study guide and
3 it tells them like what section to study, what
4 section --

5 MR. BONVILLAIN:

6 All the tests, except for the Landfill
7 Level A is based strictly on regulations.
8 Level A has got two parts, regulation and
9 operation --

10 MR. PRATT:

11 Right.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 And, basically, you know, there's certain
14 sections -- certain sections for landfills and
15 then, you know, sort all of that out and say,
16 this is the section you need to study, rather
17 than looking at it and trying to study all the
18 regulations when none of it pertains to them.

19 MR. PRATT:

20 Right.

21 MR. BONVILLAIN:

22 And isolate certain points.

23 MR. PRATT:

24 That's a lot similar to the White Water
25 Waste Water Certifications where we go for a

1 two-hour class and then we test out -- those
2 classes are specific basically to what you're
3 gonna test on -- the materials. Not exactly
4 the same, but I mean --

5 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

6 And you, the idea is not to teach the
7 test, right. The idea is not to teach the
8 test, but the idea is to prep them for the
9 test and, you know, have the understanding
10 there, right. And just the knowledge --

11 MR. DRISKILL:

12 And learn what they need to know --

13 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

14 Yeah, because teaching the test is just
15 crippling them. That's not the -- that's not
16 the objective, right, so I just wanted to say
17 that --

18 MR. PRATT:

19 Well, the next generation of workers --
20 obviously, that's a different thing there, but
21 I mean, people are getting into the field and
22 then, like I was saying earlier, backgrounds
23 and everything else, you know, can maybe
24 hinder -- you know, not helping them pass the
25 tests.

1 MR. BONVILLAIN:

2 You know, a long time ago, we used to do
3 it as part of the seminar because we had a
4 seminar and the test came after. I actually
5 had the test prep presentation and basically
6 would sit down with them and say, okay, look,
7 this is the type of test it's gonna be, it's
8 gonna be true/false, it's gonna be multiple
9 choice, whatever, and stress to them, don't
10 leave anything blank. Okay, and then we go
11 over different areas and I'd ask some sample
12 questions and we'd just go around. And, you
13 know, it's just kind of, I guess, to maybe put
14 them at ease. It's a last-minute thing, okay,
15 it's not a whole bunch of time ahead of time,
16 but it's a last-minute type of thing and we
17 used to do that, but it's been a long time
18 since we did that.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN:

20 And not everybody is a test taker. You
21 know, sometimes when you get in there, maybe
22 things fall apart. I say we take a vote and
23 move that we do the adoption of revamping the
24 test and maybe we can select a committee
25 later? Will that work? Do I have a motion to

1 approve to revamp the test?

2 MR. COLOMA:

3 I'll make the motion.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 I'll go ahead and move that we looked at
6 going ahead and updating all the tests. I'm
7 sure there's been some regulation changes and
8 everything since then and some of the answers
9 may not be right anymore.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN:

11 So move. Second?

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 Second.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN:

15 Any opposition? It's approved. Get with
16 us, Yolanda, and let us know whenever we can
17 go ahead so they can have a committee meeting,
18 maybe you and Shirley -- I think that would be
19 a good --

20 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

21 Do you want me to hang around for the --
22 this, while y'all talk about this a little
23 bit?

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 Yeah --

1 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

2 So you guys see the new kind of system,
3 today's a trial run for the badging in and the
4 badging out for the workshop. And moving
5 forward, the board is gonna evaluate this new
6 approach based on today's trial run, CNA,
7 that's the firm that we've engaged to kind of
8 help us track hours. And in our discussion
9 with CNA, there's got to be some sort of, I
10 don't know, minimum threshold that would be
11 established, I guess, jointly by this board
12 and LSWA in terms of -- because this -- this
13 tracks every minute. So you walk in the room,
14 it tracks the time when you enter the room and
15 the leave the room, so. You know, you could
16 easily say 100 percent, you've got to be in
17 the room 100 percent of the time to get your
18 certification or is it 75 percent or is it 80
19 percent. So it's not reasonable. We all know
20 100 percent is not reasonable, right, so in
21 our discussion this morning, there's gonna
22 have to be -- now, right now, it's the honor
23 system. So we're really going from kind of
24 like the honor system to like this.

25 And so we've always talked about our

1 certification program being credible. You
2 know, and we're doing all that we can to
3 ensure that when we issue a certificate, it
4 means that butts were in a seat and they got
5 something from that -- you know, the workshop.
6 They got something from the workshop. So
7 that's for you guys to decide and tell us what
8 that looks like, in terms of how do we want
9 to -- you know, we're tracking the hours, but
10 what are we gonna set that limit --

11 MR. CHAIRMAN:

12 That's gonna be an LSW thing for them --
13 I think the Board is gonna go ahead and set
14 what percentage of hours that we're gonna --
15 or what percentage of completion that we'll
16 accept to issue the certificate of hours
17 completed --

18 MINUTE CLERK:

19 The minimum hours?

20 MR. CHAIRMAN:

21 Right.

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 Minimum percentage of the ten hours --

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 The gentleman that we were looking for

1 was Joe Smith. I said go ahead look, is he
2 here? Oh, I'm not -- so she pulls it up on a
3 screen, he's in. You see, but he was actually
4 in the class, he hadn't scanned back in.
5 Called him and he came and scanned back in and
6 was back inside the deal. So this is
7 basically a trial run with LSWA to make sure
8 that all hands are on deck and how it's gonna
9 run. And, so far, I think I'm -- I'm
10 impressed.

11 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

12 And so you can imagine, here it's kind of
13 easy because it's kind of like one way in and
14 one way out. We basically have two doors.
15 We've got five breakout rooms -- so there will
16 be a scanner, you know, at every -- in all of
17 the rooms, so we'll be able to track all of
18 the --

19 MR. CHAIRMAN:

20 And once you scan in or out, you can't
21 scan back in like right away for ten seconds.
22 I tried that.

23 MR. FOURRIER:

24 So they have to go and physically scan it
25 to go in?

1 MR. PRATT:

2 We did it at the -- conferences and our
3 classes, we have that and we go in and the
4 computer's there and the little pod's there.
5 We just hit it --

6 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

7 It's the same kind --

8 MR. CHAIRMAN:

9 They showed us this morning.

10 MR. PRATT:

11 Oh, I haven't heard of any issues with
12 that. It works well and then it comes up
13 on -- of course, on their website, they'll
14 show your credits, your hours for being there,
15 whether you took an exam or not, and you print
16 out your certificate, if that's what you're
17 talking about.

18 MR. BONVILLAIN:

19 Right. And the way we've been doing it
20 for the seminars, we have a sign-in sheet.
21 You had to sign in in the morning, you don't
22 sign out. After lunch they've got to sign in
23 again, but in that time after they sign in,
24 they can walk out the room and we've got
25 nothing on it, you know. On this system, we

1 make them scan out, you know, and so at some
2 point, you know, very seldom you're gonna have
3 100 percent of the whole section. And what we
4 need to tell LSWA is, what's the minimum
5 percentage that they have to obtain to get the
6 full ten-hour credit.

7 MR. FOURRIER:

8 Does the course also clock in and out?
9 Like when the class actually starts and stops?

10 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

11 Okay, very good point. I was gonna
12 mention that. Because he talked about -- say
13 the work -- say the class starts at 8:00.
14 Well, you know, some people will probably come
15 in at 8:10, you know, maybe 8:15, so you
16 wouldn't start the clock at 8:00. You sort of
17 like give a little leeway. Maybe the clock
18 will start at 8:10 or 8:00 -- you know, and
19 that's -- that's part of something for y'all
20 to talk about, too. Knowing that people are
21 gonna probably straggle in a little late, so
22 you don't necessarily ding them on the front
23 end, but then also on the tail end, they're
24 not gonna be able to pad their time either
25 cause there's gonna be a cutoff, right. So,

1 yeah, that's part of it, too.

2 MR. FOURRIER:

3 Yeah, cause I mean, some classes end
4 early.

5 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

6 Yes.

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 It's just they have an adjustment for
9 that -- say it's supposed to be a 60-minute
10 class, but it only goes 50, they go ahead and
11 make the adjustment on it to give them full
12 credit for that one hour.

13 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

14 And then that's gonna be part of the --
15 instead of saying 100 percent, 80 percent or
16 75 percent to take into account -- the class
17 is probably not gonna end -- it's gonna end
18 early cause like these, for this workshop, you
19 know, Patrick may end at 4:30, you know, or
20 talk in Lafayette maybe an hour, but maybe 45
21 minutes. So it may just be setting the
22 percentage will maybe solve the problem.

23 MR. FOURRIER:

24 Do you know what other conferences he
25 used?

1 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

2 He did and I can't remember right now,
3 none of it, I don't think, was 100 percent. I
4 think he may have said, I don't know, 75 to
5 80. Do you know?

6 MR. PRATT:

7 Uh-uh (no), I don't know that they use
8 a -- I'd have to ask Ben Terry --

9 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

10 They may not.

11 MR. PRATT:

12 I don't believe they do. I mean, you go
13 into a 32-hour class Monday through Thursday,
14 and then on Friday you're testing. In
15 classes, I know the instructors try to push it
16 to the last minute on Thursday, but there
17 probably is something taken into account for
18 if you do -- if they do end early, I would
19 think. I've heard them say -- instructors --
20 at 8 o'clock or whenever class starts, better
21 get over there and hit that pod or you ain't
22 gonna get the hours to test, it's on you. You
23 know, kind of put it on you to be there, be an
24 adult and be there, you know, on time.

25 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

1 And I don't know that -- you know, this
2 is all internal, in terms of how you approach
3 issuing the certifications. I think -- and if
4 I'm wrong tell me so, but I think the message
5 to the registrants is essentially the message
6 that Cory gave this morning, hey, we're gonna
7 be tracking your time, badging in and badging
8 out. I don't know that it's necessary to tell
9 them, hey, you've got to meet 80 percent or 75
10 percent. As far as they know, you know, you
11 need to be in the seat, so.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 Yeah, I don't think you let them know
14 there's a percentage --

15 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

16 No, no -- yeah.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN:

18 I think an internal --

19 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

20 An internal, yeah, yeah. An internal --

21 MR. BRUMCAMP:

22 Conferences like this would be fairly
23 simple because, like you say, you're in one
24 room. Lafayette is gonna be a little more
25 challenging, I believe, because the --

1 MR. BONVILLAIN:

2 Yeah, but as long as you've got those
3 scanners --

4 MR. PRATT:

5 At each location.

6 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

7 The difference is here and Lafayette,
8 they most likely would be on site. At the
9 workshops, they won't be on site, but we'll
10 use the -- we'll continue to do the scanners,
11 just for the recordkeeping.

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 Right, and if they don't scan out, they
14 don't get credit for the --

15 MR. BONVILLAIN:

16 Correct.

17 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

18 Yeah.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 If you scan in in the morning and you
21 don't scan out at lunch or don't scan out in
22 the afternoon, you don't get any credit at
23 all. Cause it'd be too easy to go scan in and
24 take off.

25 MR. PRATT:

1 I think at the conference we had here in
2 Lake Charles at the Convention Center in June
3 or July, they had one way in, kind of like a
4 single-file line with multiple pods there.
5 Then when you went into the conference area
6 where all the vendors were there, when you
7 walked out of that, there was people there on
8 each side of that hallway and it had the pods
9 asking people if you're leaving, scan out.
10 When you came in, they funneled it through one
11 kind of single-file line, but there was
12 multiple pods there. You're talking about
13 coming in in different entrances, which have
14 to have them in all those locations, wouldn't
15 you?

16 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

17 Well, not necessarily Exhibit Hall
18 because we leave that out of our ten hours.
19 So the only time it's actually counted is like
20 the actual classroom time, and I want to say
21 the lunch is also part of it --

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 We have to have a speaker --

24 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

25 -- we'd have a speaker. So we would need it

1 like in and out of the plannery and in and out
2 of the breakout rooms.

3 MR. COLOMA:

4 Well, you could funnel that by the
5 escalator --

6 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

7 Yeah, yeah.

8 MR. BONVILLAIN:

9 Except the planners are not gonna be
10 upstairs --

11 MR. CHAIRMAN:

12 He made a statement this morning, he
13 could get people -- about 1,000 people in a
14 room and all scanned in comfortably in two
15 minutes.

16 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

17 That's fast.

18 MR. COLOMA:

19 That's fast.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 And the scan is quick, you know, shewp.

22 MR. COLOMA:

23 Yeah, you don't even stop. As long as
24 you see your name come up, that's the key. If
25 you don't see your name come up, you better

1 stop.

2 MR. FOURRIER:

3 So that company will be there in
4 Lafayette doing it?

5 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

6 Yeah, and they' have two -- probably two
7 people on site. They'll probably just --
8 we'll use their equipment and, yeah. That's
9 it for me. Thanks, y'all.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 Realistically, there's very few people
12 that are actually gonna get 100 percent.
13 They'd have to go to the bathroom and go
14 outside for a phone call or whatever.

15 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

16 If you get the workshop, you're gonna get
17 close to 100 percent cause there's more
18 control, one room where everybody --

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Oh, yeah, yeah.

21 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

22 But then, too, at the workshop, you don't
23 have as many -- well, first of all, you don't
24 have as many people, and then you have a
25 conference, you know. You have upper

1 management, you have people that's got to step
2 out all the time, make a call or do work while
3 they're at the conference, so you got to take
4 all that into consideration, so.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN:

6 Yolanda, thank you again for everything.
7 Appreciate it.

8 MS. RIGHTEOUS:

9 Thanks, y'all.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN:

11 Item number five, consideration of
12 operator certifications. Let's go ahead and
13 go through each one of them. First one I have
14 is Ricky Tommasi, Jr., C&D Level A, Tommasi
15 Disposal.

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 Is he asking for a regular or a
18 conditional because he's got both checked --

19 MINUTE CLERK:

20 Are you asking if he's looking for a
21 regular or a conditional --

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 Yeah, on the last page, item number 8,
24 qualifications for conditional certification.

25 MINUTE CLERK:

1 Conditional? I believe he asked for a
2 conditional. His dad passed away --

3 MR. BONVILLAIN:

4 His dad passed away --

5 MINUTE CLERK:

6 Yeah, he's regular.

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 Did he test today?

9 MINUTE CLERK:

10 Yes, he passed his test today.

11 MR. BONVILLAIN:

12 Okay, we can give him a -- because I mean
13 he's been B certified for years, according to
14 what he's submitted here.

15 MR. FOURRIER:

16 One issue I'm gonna bring up on this one,
17 and there's several others is, people signing
18 as their own supervisor.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Well, sometimes they are their own
21 supervisor.

22 MR. FOURRIER:

23 Now, when I applied years ago, I mean, I
24 was a one-man show. They wrote me a letter
25 back and said I still had to get somebody else

1 to sign just to verify.

2 MR. BONVILLAIN:

3 What year was that? I mean, I wasn't on
4 the board when that happened.

5 MR. FOURRIER:

6 Probably like 2009.

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 Yeah, I wasn't on the board --

9 MR. FOURRIER:

10 I mean, there's nothing in the
11 regulations that addressed that, but.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 In that situation, I mean, you are the
14 supervisor, you know. I know we've approved
15 many of them over the years that way. In this
16 case, he's in charge of it now, so he is the
17 supervisor. He's got nobody higher up to go
18 to.

19 MR. DRISKILL:

20 I'll make a motion we approve.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN:

22 Do I have a second?

23 MR. COLOMA:

24 I'll second it.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN:

1 Any opposition? Approved.

2 MINUTE CLERK:

3 Approved for regular?

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 A regular.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN:

7 Okay, the second one is Jacob Milam,
8 Separation Level B, Southern Disposal.

9 MR. COLOMA:

10 Less than one year experience.

11 MINUTE CLERK:

12 He did pass his test today.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN:

14 Grant condition?

15 MR. DRISKILL:

16 We could, but -- well, no, he has -- he's
17 taking somebody's place.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Is he taking somebody's place? No, he's
20 not taking anybody's place.

21 MR. BONVILLAIN:

22 I'll move we deny --

23 MR. CHAIRMAN:

24 I have a motion that we deny. Do I have
25 a second?

1 MR. DRISKILL:

2 Second.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN:

4 Second, any opposition? It's been denied
5 because of lack of experience. Okay, the
6 third one is James Holman, Landfill Level A,
7 Sabine Parish Police Jury. He passed his test
8 on 9/28 and paid.

9 MR. COLOMA:

10 I move to approve.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN:

12 A second?

13 MR. DRISKILL:

14 I'll second.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN:

16 Okay, any opposition? We move to
17 approve. Mr. David Strong, C&D Level A, South
18 Shreveport?

19 MR. COLOMA:

20 Expired certification.

21 MINUTE CLERK:

22 He did pass his test today.

23 MR. BRUNCAMP:

24 He retook the test. He's applying for a
25 new certification.

1 MR. BONVILLAIN:

2 I move to approve.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN:

4 Moved. Any second?

5 MR. BRUNCAMP:

6 I'll second.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN:

8 Any opposition? Approved. All right,
9 Mark Mathews, C&D Level A, South Shreveport?

10 MR. COLOMA:

11 Looks good.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 I move we approve.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN:

15 It's been moved. Do I have a second?

16 MR. DRISKILL:

17 I'll second it.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Any opposition? Moved and approved.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 But DEQ might want to inspect that site
22 cause it looks like it might've been operating
23 without a Level A operator.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 I'll leave that up to the DEQ. Okay,

1 Tyler Petty, Incinerator Level B with
2 Stericycle.

3 MINUTE CLERK:

4 He did pass his test today.

5 MR. COLOMA:

6 I move we approve.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN:

8 It's been moved. Do we have a second?

9 MR. FOURRIER:

10 I second.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN:

12 Second. Any opposition? Moved and
13 approved. Okay, Dustin Mouser, Incinerator
14 Level B, Stericycle?

15 MINUTE CLERK:

16 He did pass.

17 MR. COLOMA:

18 I'll move to approve.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN:

20 Motion to approve. Do I have a second?

21 MR. DRISKILL:

22 I second.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN:

24 A second. Any opposition? Moved and
25 approved. Gary Usery, Incinerator Level A,

1 Stericycle?

2 MINUTE CLERK:

3 He passed, also.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 I think there was --

6 MR. FOURRIER:

7 He only has two-and-a-half years of
8 experience, 2.5 with Stericycle --

9 MR. BONVILLAIN:

10 I think he was at another site --

11 MR. FOURRIER:

12 Yeah, he had two sites -- he's missing a
13 signature.

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 He is missing a supervisor signature.

16 MINUTE CLERK:

17 I know he is a supervisor, so it might be
18 one of those cases, also. When I talked to
19 him earlier, he provided everything.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 Well, I'll move that he be approved
22 pending he get a supervisor's signature and,
23 if he is a supervisor, like he's the manager
24 of a site, he can sign it himself.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN:

1 Do we have a second?

2 MR. COLOMA:

3 I second.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN:

5 Any opposition? Moved and approved under
6 those conditions. All right, Kory Broussard,
7 Landfill Level A, Waste Connections.

8 MR. DRISKILL:

9 Did he pass today?

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 He passed on October 17th.

12 MR. FOURRIER:

13 He's also missing a signature.

14 MINUTE CLERK:

15 No, he had his.

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 Yeah, Jason --

18 MR. FOURRIER:

19 Wait, who are we looking at?

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 Kory --

22 MR. FOURRIER:

23 Oh, Kory, I'm sorry.

24 MR. DRISKILL:

25 I make a motion.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN:

2 Motion to approve. Second?

3 MR. BONVILLAIN:

4 Second.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN:

6 Any opposition? Moved and approved. All
7 right, the next batch we have is request for
8 conditional certification, Dallas Mamalakis,
9 Landfill Level B at St. Landry?

10 MR. COLOMA:

11 Did he test today?

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 This is says condition --

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 I'll make a motion that we approve the
16 four from St. Landry Parish. They're all
17 replacing certified operators?

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Correct, and that's Dallas Mamalakis,
20 Amanda Grimmett, Dylan Beard and Garrett
21 Dekerlegand.

22 MR. COLOMA:

23 I'll second.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 We have a motion and we have a second.

1 Do we have any opposition? Four conditionals,
2 Dallas Mamalakis, Amanda Grimmett, Dylan Beard
3 and Garrett Dekerlegand approved for
4 conditions.

5 MINUTE CLERK:

6 So we approve until they pass the test?

7 MR. CHAIRMAN:

8 No, ma'am, they have six months to take
9 the test --

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 They have six months to pass the test.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN:

13 We have Scott Wissmiller, Transfer
14 Station, Liquid Environmental?

15 MR. FOURRIER:

16 Motion to approve.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN:

18 We have a motion to approve. Do I have a
19 second?

20 MR. PRATT:

21 Second.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN:

23 Second. Any opposition? Approved.

24 Next, we have William Bowman, C&D Level B,
25 South Shreveport?

1 MR. DRISKILL:

2 Is he applying for a conditional?

3 MR. CHAIRMAN:

4 That's what he said.

5 MR. DRISKILL:

6 Cause he has the time --

7 MR. CHAIRMAN:

8 He's to replace operators --

9 MR. DRISKILL:

10 Yeah, but he has the time and
11 experience --

12 MR. CHAIRMAN:

13 That's what I'm saying --

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 Not -- not on a landfill site, huh?

16 MR. CHAIRMAN:

17 C&D.

18 MR. PRATT:

19 Date of employment 1/20/24 to the present
20 at Shreveport Landfill, South Shreveport --

21 MR. BONVILLAIN:

22 He does not have the experience program
23 with a certificate. That's why he's asking
24 for a conditional.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN:

1 Right.

2 MR. FOURRIER:

3 Motion to approve.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 I'll second.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN:

7 Any opposition? Approved for conditions.

8 All right, so request for certification by
9 reciprocity, Colby Rohare, Landfill Level A,
10 Waste Connections?

11 MR. FOURRIER:

12 There again, he signed his own and
13 he's --

14 MR. CHAIRMAN:

15 I have a question for you guys. He's
16 never worked in Arkansas and he's got an
17 Arkansas -- so that kind of flagged him for
18 me.

19 MINUTE CLERK:

20 And he never sent his -- I emailed him a
21 few times.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN:

23 There's a note on there, did not stay in
24 the --

25 MR. DRISKILL:

1 I make a motion to deny. He hasn't met
2 the conditions.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN:

4 Did not meet conditions. I've got a
5 motion to deny. Do I have a second?

6 MR. FOURRIER:

7 Second.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN:

9 Any opposition? Denied. All right,
10 review of recertification applications. First
11 one is Anthony Garrett, Jr., Landfill Level B,
12 St. Mary Parish.

13 MR. DRISKILL:

14 I move to approve.

15 MR. FOURRIER:

16 I second.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN:

18 Motion approved. I've got a second. Any
19 opposition? Approved. Amanda Olson, Landfill
20 Level A, Waste Management.

21 MR. FOURRIER:

22 Motion to approve.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN:

24 I've got a motion.

25 MR. DRISKILL:

1 I'll second.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN:

3 Any opposition? Approved. If we don't
4 pass this test, look out. Martin Perilloux,
5 Landfill Level A with LDEQ --

6 MR. COLOMA:

7 Approve.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN:

9 Got one approved. Do I have a motion to
10 approve?

11 MR. DRISKILL:

12 I second.

13 MR. FOURRIER:

14 I think just for fun, we deny it. After
15 my sales --

16 MR. CHAIRMAN:

17 Exactly. Any opposition? God help us
18 all. Approved. All right, Ronald Pellerin,
19 C&D Level A, Pellerin & Wallace.

20 MR. FOURRIER:

21 Motion to approve.

22 MR. DRISKILL:

23 I second.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN:

25 Okay, we have a motion and we have a

1 second. Any opposition? Approved. Gretchen
2 Tullier -- oh, my apologies, Kerry Outley, C&D
3 Level A, Lincoln Parish.

4 MR. DRISKILL:

5 I move to approve.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN:

7 Motion to approve. Do we have a second?

8 MR. FOURRIER:

9 Second.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN:

11 Any opposition? Approved. Now, Ronald
12 Pellerin, C&D Level A, Pellerin & Wallace.

13 MR. BONVILLAIN:

14 Didn't we approve him already?

15 MR. PRATT:

16 Yeah.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN:

18 Going back, okay then, okay, Gretchen
19 Tullier, Landfill Level A?

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 Both were --

22 MR. CHAIRMAN:

23 She got me all shook up. Do we have a
24 second?

25 MR. FOURRIER:

1 Second.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN:

3 Any opposition? Approved. Are,
4 incomplete recertification applications.
5 Edquado Howard, C&D Level A, Jackson Parish
6 Police Jury.

7 MINUTE CLERK:

8 He did attend the meeting today.

9 MR. BONVILLAIN:

10 And he's here.

11 MINUTE CLERK:

12 He's here.

13 MR. BONVILLAIN:

14 Yeah, that's fine.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN:

16 Okay, let me get to him.

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 His certificate actually expired October
19 26th --

20 MR. CHAIRMAN:

21 Two days ago.

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 -- two days ago. That's the one we talked
24 about. Technically, he did not meet the
25 requirements for his certification because he

1 did not complete his 40 hours prior to the
2 expiration of the certificate. But because of
3 the way the seminar was -- and it's at
4 different times of the month year to year, and
5 I would think we can go ahead and approve it,
6 just have it in the record that we're
7 approving it subject to it having expired, but
8 because we're so close in the difference in
9 dates --

10 MR. CHAIRMAN:

11 If I'm correct, he also signed the fact
12 that his Shreveport had been moved to Baton
13 Rouge and that was part of the issue there.
14 Motion to approve other conditions. Do we
15 have a second?

16 MR. FOURRIER:

17 Second.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN:

19 Any opposition? We approve under those
20 conditions. Last one, Joel Smith, C&D Level
21 B, South Shreveport.

22 MINUTE CLERK:

23 He also attended the meeting.

24 MR. COLOMA:

25 I make the motion to approve.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN:

2 I have a motion to approve. Do we have a
3 second?

4 MR. PRATT:

5 Second.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN:

7 Any opposition? Approved. All right,
8 let's go ahead and do the issuance of the
9 operator certificates.

10 MINUTE CLERK:

11 I'm reading those that's approved, Ricky
12 Tommasi, Jr., C&D Level A, James Holman,
13 Landfill Level A, David Strong, C&D Level A,
14 Mark Mathews, C&D Level A, Tyler Petty,
15 Incinerator Level B, Dustin Mouser,
16 Incinerator Level B, Gary Usery, Incinerator
17 Level A, pending we need a signature. Kory
18 Broussard, Landfill Level A and
19 conditional --

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 I move we issue those certificates as
22 mentioned.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN:

24 Okay, it's been moved. Do I have a
25 second?

1 MR. DRISKILL:

2 I'll second.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN:

4 Any opposition? All approved as read.

5 Denied list?

6 MINUTE CLERK:

7 The denied list, Jacob Milam, Separation

8 Level B --

9 MR. BONVILLAIN:

10 And we already made the motion to

11 disapprove that one.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN:

13 That's the only one we have?

14 MR. COLOMA:

15 We have recerts and stuff, huh?

16 MINUTE CLERK:

17 And Colby Robare, he denied Landfill

18 Level A.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN:

20 All right, committee reports. Richard

21 LeBouef. Nominations for that are deadline,

22 December 30th, 2025. Testing?

23 MINUTE CLERK:

24 We had 13 test today.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN:

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All pass?

MINUTE CLERK:

All passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Yeah, that's what I'm talking about.

Continuing education. Nomination?

MR. PRATT:

Not at this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Not at this time, all right. Is there any other business before this board? All right, any public comments? I have a motion to adjourn.

MR. PRATT:

Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I have a second. Any opposition?

Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:18 P.M.)

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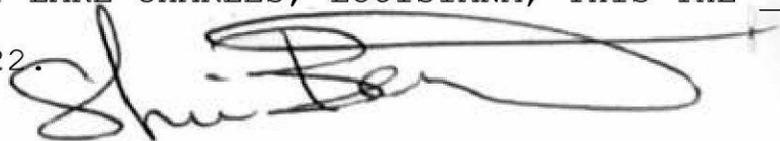
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