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MEETING MINUTES

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MR. STEWART: All right. At this time I'd like to call to order the Board of Certification for Solid Waste Management Operators, October 21, 2014.

Ms. Bordelon, can we get the roll call, please?

MS. BORDELON: Sure. Suzanne Bordelon speaking now.

Fred Williams?

MR. WILLIAMS: Here.

MS. BORDELON: Bubba Wynn?

MR. WYNN: Here.

MS. BORDELON: Gary Bonnevallain?

MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Here.

MS. BORDELON: Krystal Perkins?

MS. PERKINS: Here.

MS. BORDELON: Bo LaGrange?

MR. LAGRANGE: Here.

MS. BORDELON: John Fourrier?

MR. FOURRIER: Here.

1 MS. BORDELON: Mia Townsell?

2 MS. TOWNSEL: Here.

3 MS. BORDELON: Troy Barber?

4 MR. BARBER: Here.

5 MS. BORDELON: Terrence Stewart?

6 MR. STEWART: Here.

7 MS. BORDELON: And Lindsey Turtle?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. STEWART: Next item, reviewing of the July
10 15, 2014 minutes. Any discussion? Any changes?

11 MR. WYNN: I make a motion we accept the
12 minutes.

13 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Wynn.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Second.

15 MR. STEWART: Second by Mr. Williams. Any
16 discussion, any opposition? Motion carries.

17 The next item is issuing certifications to the
18 new Board members. We have three new Board members.
19 Some old new Board members, but we have three new
20 Board members. Ms. Mia Townsell, she represents the
21 DEQ, LDEQ. Ms. Lindsey Turtle, which is not with us
22 today, but she's representing Republic Waste
23 Services, and Mr. Henry "Bo" LaGrange, representing
24 St. Mary Parish. That's one of the old new faces.
25 Next is -- we are going to move, we're going to do a

1 little shuffle around of the agenda. Ms. Yolunda
2 Righteous with LSWA is here this morning to discuss
3 matters.

4 MS. RIGHTEOUS: I think you guys have had an
5 opportunity to review the agenda for the March
6 conference. And, as you can see, the format is
7 pretty much the same. The main track is listed here
8 the solid waste, and including the Exhibitor session
9 as well as the luncheon session. We have the
10 required twelve hours for the certification as
11 required for the operators, but then if you notice
12 the additional tracks, there are additional topics
13 that the operators can also attend, so they're well
14 above ten hours worth of hours here on the agenda,
15 and if you have any questions, I'll answer those
16 questions.

17 MR. BARBER: I have a couple of concerns. On
18 the solid waste, it looks like most of these subjects
19 are geared for upper level, management level-type
20 people, and we have a lot of guys that are working in
21 the trenches that attends this conference, and I'm
22 going to tell you, the majority of this is over their
23 head, and when we started LSWA some, I don't know,
24 ten-plus years ago, that was our complaint about
25 SWANA. SWANA conferences were not geared for the

1 guys in the trenches, it was geared for upper level
2 management-type people, and I would just like to see
3 this conference in the solid waste section give a
4 little bit more to the average guy. Then you've got
5 one that actually does apply to the everyday employee
6 at a landfill, and that's -- MSW compaction and
7 landfills, and then you've got Ricardo doing the
8 presentation. I can't even understand Ricardo. I
9 have a problem with someone speaking at these
10 conferences that has broken English. Not a problem
11 with him as an individual, but I think we need people
12 that can speak clearly and people can understand
13 them.

14 Secondly, about the compaction, Ricardo may know
15 some of the logistics from an engineer's viewpoint,
16 but I would doubt seriously Ricardo's ever sat on a
17 compactor. So I have a problem with that one.

18 And then, the very last one, implementation of
19 sustainability model for industrial pipe cleaning and
20 retrofitting facility in Louisiana -- what the heck
21 has that got to do with solid waste? I'm lost.
22 Maybe I'm uneducated. So, you know, I would just
23 like to see these solid waste breakout sessions
24 geared more for the guys in the trenches doing the
25 work. And I'm not making any suggestions; I'm just

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saying.

MS. RIGHTEOUS: I'll just take that as a comment; I'll take that under advisement.

MR. FOURRIER: Won't the October and July conferences get more towards --

MS. RIGHTEOUS: Yes.

MR. FOURRIER: -- that? And this --

MS. RIGHTEOUS: There are --

MR. FOURRIER: Covers DEQ and engineers as well.

MS. RIGHTEOUS: Because we have -- at this particular conference, you do have a wider array of individuals attending the conference, whereas the July conference and the October conference, we have a more concentrated attendance that's geared more towards the operators, so --

MR. BARBER: I understand that, but --

MS. RIGHTEOUS: And then if you notice that there are other opportunities for the -- you know, throughout the agenda, there are other opportunities for the operators to get -- they don't have to stay on the solid waste track. There are other opportunities on the other tracks for them to get information related to solid waste landfills.

MR. BARBER: We used to have three of the workshops in the summer, and that helped facilities

1 that had quite a number of employees to break their
2 employees up into groups and send them on to one or
3 the other of the workshops. But now that one of them
4 has been eliminated, most facilities have no choice
5 but to send some of their guys to the conference in
6 Lafayette. I mean, it's just not possible to send
7 them all to Shreveport --

8 MS. RIGHTEOUS: You have reached --

9 MR. BARBER: -- or to Lafayette.

10 MS. RIGHTEOUS: You've reached out to all of the
11 attendees in terms of serving forms, in terms of
12 giving folks an opportunity to give us feedback, and
13 that was done immediately after the conference prior
14 to the steering committee got together to put
15 together the agenda, so I would extend you the offer.
16 If there are topics that you want us to consider,
17 feel free to --

18 MR. BARBER: There are -- and I'm just
19 generalizing, but I'm suggesting that we get more
20 back to the basics when it comes to solid waste.
21 You're over the heads of most people, and I did not
22 get one of those --

23 MS. RIGHTEOUS: Okay.

24 MR. BARBER: That I'm aware of. So in the
25 future, I don't know that we really want to do

1 anything now. I mean, you know obviously most
2 everybody sitting on this Board is okay with this
3 layout of material that's being furnished, but I'm
4 not. I'm not okay with it at all. I think it needs
5 to be tweaked.

6 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Chairman --

7 MR. STEWART: Mr. LaGrange.

8 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Bo LaGrange speaking -- your
9 comments are strictly to the solid waste track?

10 MR. BARBER: Yes.

11 MR. LAGRANGE: Not necessarily the other --

12 MR. BARBER: Yes.

13 MR. LAGRANGE: Disciplines that were being
14 presented?

15 MR. BARBER: Yes. Because that's what I deal
16 with in solid waste. That's what we are as a board,
17 is a solid waste board.

18 MR. LAGRANGE: And I think some of the topics,
19 as Ms. Righteous said in these other tracks, are also
20 tied back to solid waste in some way, shape or form.
21 And not all of them, but there are some -- so there
22 are some opportunities -- hopefully there are some
23 opportunities, if you don't want to listen to
24 Mr. Tamami talk about industrial pipe cleaning, there
25 may be some other things, some other topics that you

1 can attend. That operator can attend.

2 MR. WYNN: The friable and non-friable asbestos,
3 which is also in that industrial track at the same
4 time, and I think that was an alternative at that
5 point in time.

6 MS. RIGHTEOUS: I was going to make that point.

7 MR. BARBER: And that would be a better solid
8 waste subject than the one that's in that slot.

9 MS. RIGHTEOUS: Again, Troy, we have -- we
10 don't -- we have -- at that conference, we're not
11 just gearing the conference toward the operators. We
12 have managers, we have industrial folks --

13 MR. BARBER: We understand that --

14 MS. RIGHTEOUS: At that conference. So --

15 MR. BARBER: -- totally understand that.

16 MS. RIGHTEOUS: And we take that into
17 consideration when we put the agenda together, that
18 there are opportunities.

19 MR. WYNN: This is a conference more for
20 multimedia type --

21 MS. RIGHTEOUS: It is.

22 MR. WYNN: -- than it is solid waste.

23 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: May I make a suggestion on
24 the time that Zia is talking? That might maybe fit
25 better on the industrial, and the two sessions that

1 you have on the industrial might fit better under
2 solid waste.

3 MR. WYNN: That would be good, move the --

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Asbestos is an issue in solid
5 waste.

6 MR. WYNN: And also you've got one on the
7 regulatory compliance issue, the waste tire
8 regulation update. A lot of solid waste facilities
9 need to find out about waste tires, because it's
10 giving everybody problems.

11 MR. STEWART: Yolunda, does a decision have to
12 be made on the agenda today?

13 MS. RIGHTEOUS: Well, yes, we do need a decision
14 on the agenda today, because what we would like to do
15 is mail out the agenda for the end of this month.

16 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Chairman, if appropriate, I'd
17 like to make a motion that we approve this agenda for
18 ten hours' education for solid waste operators with
19 the request that the LSWA flip-flop the industrial
20 pipe cleaning session and put it under industrial
21 energy and take environmental justice and
22 friable/non-friable and put it under solid waste.

23 MR. STEWART: Okay. I have a motion by Mr.
24 LaGrange.

25 MS. TOWNSEL: I have a question before you do

1 that. On the Friday 8:30 to 9:00, I see, under solid
2 waste, you have Pat Devillier & Jodie Diamond, under
3 solid waste, and regulatory compliance you have Pat
4 Devillier again.

5 MR. LAGRANGE: Joint session.

6 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Joint session.

7 MS. BORDELON: Yes, it's a joint session.

8 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I had the same question.

9 Underneath there it does say "joint session."

10 MS. TOWNSEL: All right.

11 MR. STEWART: Okay. So we do have a motion
12 on --

13 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I'll second.

14 MR. STEWART: Second by Mr. Bonnevillain. Any
15 more discussion? Opposition? Motion carries.
16 Agenda is approved. Next item is consideration of
17 operator certifications. Bonnevillain spellg.

18 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Mr. Chairman.

19 MR. STEWART: Yes, sir.

20 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I'd like to make a
21 recommendation that all of the Stericycle
22 applications be put at the end so we can take them
23 all at one time as we go through the rest of the
24 application.

25 MR. STEWART: We have a motion by Mr.

1 Bonnevillain.

2 MR. BARBER: Second.

3 MR. STEWART: Second by Mr. Barber. Okay. That
4 item's moved.

5 All right. Review of application certification,
6 and the way we'll do it is we'll go through one by
7 one and then if there's an issue with the
8 application, we'll stop it and take action on it at
9 that time. First name is Pete Chreene, Jr. Landfill
10 Level A, IESI - Sabine Landfill. He previously held
11 a Landfill Level B certification. John R. Clark,
12 Landfill Level B, City of Shreveport, Lucas
13 Wastewater Treatment Plant.

14 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I have a question about his
15 dates of employment. Fred, maybe you can clarify
16 this. July of '08 to 99 99 99. I don't know if he's
17 got one year, ten years, fifteen years, you know.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: I'll get that clarified.

19 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I'm assuming he wanted to say
20 until present.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Right. It's not one of my
22 employees.

23 MR. WYNN: I think he is expecting to stay there
24 for a while.

25 MR. STEWART: Any action on that we don't --

1 Suzanne, you know any more about the dates?

2 MS. BORDELON: No. I assume he meant to say --
3 to mean present.

4 MR. STEWART: All right. Thom A. -- help me with
5 that. Czischke? Close enough. Landfill Level A,
6 IESI, Jefferson Parish Landfill.

7 MR. BARBER: Hold on. I've got a question on
8 this. Now, he puts on here, title of his position,
9 environmental compliance engineer. Does this -- does
10 anybody know if this guy has an engineering degree?

11 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: He said --

12 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Yes --

13 MR. WYNN: I do know for a fact he does.

14 MR. FOURRIER: He's got a master's.

15 MR. BARBER: Okay. So the experience would be
16 two years, then --

17 MR. WYNN: Right.

18 MR. BARBER: And then the engineering degree.
19 So, yeah, he's good.

20 MR. STEWART: Eldon D. Ewing, Separation Level
21 B, Town of Ball. Joseph A. Guidry, C & D Level B,
22 Tommasi Disposal. Richard Isgitt, Landfill Level A,
23 Webster Parish Landfill. Dewarr A. Jarrell, Sr.,
24 Incinerator Level B, Stericycle.

25 MR. WYNN: Hold on.

1 (Off the Record.)

2 MR. BARBER: I have a question about his
3 experience.

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Which one are we on?

5 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Jarrell.

6 MR. STEWART: Jarrell, Senior. What was your
7 question, Mr. Barber?

8 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Look at the attachment.
9 He's got a --

10 MR. BARBER: I've read that, but -- if y'all
11 feel like that's enough experience to qualify him, I
12 mean -- I'm not sure that I would agree.

13 MR. FOURRIER: I think the letter -- his career
14 summary looks good. He's got six years of experience
15 troubleshooting, repairing and operating the
16 incinerator facility, and he's asking for a B. On
17 his three years.

18 MR. STEWART: For B it's two?

19 MR. FOURRIER: Yeah, two years. So he's got --

20 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: More --

21 MR. FOURRIER: Yeah, he's got a B.

22 MR. BARBER: So he's asking for an A or a B?

23 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: B.

24 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: That's the one that we had
25 granted a conditional to in Marksville.

1 MR. BARBER: Okay. All right. I'm good with
2 it.

3 MR. STEWART: Okay. Brian Meaton, Incinerator
4 Level A. Veolia Water.

5 (Off the Record.)

6 MR. FOURRIER: Didn't we look at him before?
7 He's got the engineering degree, but his experience
8 just started a month ago.

9 MS. BORDELON: I don't think that we have.

10 MR. FOURRIER: I thought we looked, because his
11 past experience didn't deal with incinerators. He's
12 got the degree; he just doesn't have the experience.

13 MS. BORDELON: I don't feel like he qualifies
14 for regular. He does have additional certification
15 checked. Replacing Steve Schuling (phonetic).

16 MR. STEWART: Okay.

17 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: When did Schuling (phonetic),
18 when did he leave? His termination --

19 MS. BORDELON: According to this it says, to be
20 announced --

21 MR. WYNN: Don't you have to have a specific
22 date on when his certification is supposed to start
23 if he's replacing somebody? Because this other
24 guy --

25 MS. BORDELON: It can only be within one year

1 of -- say Mr. Schuling (phonetic) leaving, he can
2 request a conditional within a year of his
3 termination.

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Yeah, but we don't normally
5 grant that conditional until the previous employee
6 has left.

7 MS. BORDELON: We can issue it upon --

8 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Termination --

9 MS. BORDELON: His termination date.

10 MR. WYNN: Correct.

11 MR. STEWART: So maybe by the December meeting.

12 MS. BORDELON: So you're saying he does not
13 qualify for regular certification?

14 MR. WYNN: Not at this time.

15 MR. STEWART: Any suggestions?

16 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: What are they incinerating?

17 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Sewer Sludge.

18 MR. STEWART: I suggest -- and I can't make the
19 motion that we review this application in December or
20 in Lafayette.

21 MR. WYNN: I do not have a problem with giving
22 them a conditional as long as he is replacing
23 somebody that's left.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: But you wouldn't want it
25 effective the date that person --

1 MR. WYNN: That's correct.

2 MR. STEWART: That's what I said. Maybe by
3 December, we'll have that information.

4 MR. WYNN: Well, I mean, we can make a motion
5 right now to accept --

6 MS. BORDELON: Contingent upon something in
7 writing from him saying that Steve Schuling
8 (phonetic) is no longer there..

9 MR. FOURRIER: I think they're trying to be
10 proactive and ensure they have somebody on, and we
11 need to --

12 MR. WILLIAMS: I second the motion.

13 MR. STEWART: You made the --

14 MR. WILLIAMS: He made the motion.

15 MR. WYNN: I made the motion.

16 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Mr.
17 Williams. Contingent upon him getting --

18 MR. WYNN: The termination --

19 MR. WILLIAMS: -- the termination of the other
20 person he's replacing.

21 MR. STEWART: All right. Any opposition? Okay.
22 Vote carries.

23 Shannon N. McElwee, Landfill Level B, Republic
24 Services, Webster Parish Landfill. Jerry P. Pharr,
25 Incinerator Level A, Stericycle. And this is a

1 regular certification. Jennifer --

2 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Wait, wait. On four -- okay,
3 I've got a question about his experience. His
4 experience is strictly on the transportation and
5 collection of medical waste, nothing to do with an
6 actual incineration operation?

7 MR. WYNN: He's pretty well handled the medical
8 waste. You know, he said he worked with the plan of
9 operations on a daily basis to make sure everything
10 is taking place.

11 MR. BURSON: May I address the Board real
12 quickly on this one candidate?

13 MR. STEWART: Your name?

14 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Introduce yourself.

15 MR. BURSON: My name's Al Burson; I'm with
16 Stericycle. This employee actually worked for the
17 Incendiare incinerator when it was operating years
18 ago. I just want to -- he worked there for a few
19 years. I was making the Board aware of that.

20 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Where was that at, Al?

21 MR. BURSON: That's the same location. It was
22 the original facility -- it was the original
23 incinerator prior to Stericycle purchasing the
24 property.

25 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Okay. So he was actually

1 working at the incinerator facility?

2 MR. BURSON: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Okay. All I suggest, then,
4 is that, you know, you give us some additional
5 information on that so that we'd have it for the
6 records; then I'd be okay with it.

7 MR. BURSON: Okay.

8 MR. STEWART: Okay. So this is going to be
9 contingent on the additional information?

10 MR. WYNN: We approve it contingent on the
11 additional information.

12 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I'll make that motion.

13 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonvillain, second
14 by Mr. Wynn. Any opposition? Motion carries.
15 Janifer Scott, C & D Level B, Ronaldson Field
16 re-testing in lieu of completing the training
17 requirements. Janifer Scott, Separation Level B,
18 Ronaldson Field, also retesting in lieu of completing
19 the training, and that guy tested this morning and he
20 passed both of those tests. All right. Okay.

21 So do I have a motion to accept the application
22 that we reviewed?

23 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I so move.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Second.

25 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonvillain, second

1 by Mr. Williams. Any opposition? Any discussion?
2 Motion carries.

3 Next item is -- we can skip the conditional for
4 Stericycle, so we're going to jump to review request
5 for conditional certification extension from Kenneth
6 Sanchez. He's not from Stericycle, huh?

7 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: He's Gator.

8 MR. STEWART: Okay.

9 MS. BORDELON: This is his second extension
10 request.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: And he passed his exam,
12 right?

13 MS. BORDELON: Yes.

14 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I move that we approve the
15 extension.

16 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonnevillain.

17 MR. LAGRANGE: Second.

18 MR. STEWART: Second by Mr. Lagrange. Any
19 discussion, any opposition? Motion carries.

20 Issuance of operator certificates --

21 MS. BORDELON: No, just recertification.

22 MR. STEWART: Oh, I'm sorry. Review of
23 applications --

24 MR. WYNN: That's on your conditional
25 certifications.

1 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Excuse me. What about Heater
2 and Crain and Smith, request for conditional
3 certificates?

4 (Off the record.)

5 MR. STEWART: Okay. Review for conditional
6 certificates for Mark L. Heater, Landfill Level B,
7 IESI Sabine Landfill, and he's replacing Shannon
8 Hippler.

9 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I have a problem with that
10 one.

11 MS. BORDELON: Who are we on? I'm sorry.

12 MR. STEWART: Mark Heater on request for
13 conditional certificates.

14 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: That's more than a year since
15 the other employee has left. He does not qualify for
16 an automatic conditional.

17 MS. BORDELON: What'd I miss?

18 MR. STEWART: All right.

19 MR. FOURRIER: He's got two and a half years of
20 experience.

21 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: He may qualify for a regular
22 B.

23 MR. FOURRIER: Qualify for a regular B.

24 MR. WYNN: He did not take the test? Suzanne?

25 MS. BORDELON: Mark Heater.

1 MR. WYNN: Yes.

2 MS. BORDELON: No, he did not.

3 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: We would --

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Well, we can approve his
5 application today even though he hasn't tested. And
6 he'd just have to test whenever.

7 MR. STEWART: Mr. Lagrange?

8 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Chairman, if appropriate, I
9 would make a motion that we approve his application
10 and grant him a conditional Level B license.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Based on his experience?

12 MR. LAGRANGE: Based on his experience.

13 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Okay. I can go with that.

14 MR. STEWART: I have a motion by Mr. Lagrange,
15 second by Mr. Bonnevillain. Any discussion, any
16 opposition? Motion carries.

17 MS. BORDELON: Well, let me ask you this. Can
18 you approve it for regular certification as well so
19 that when he does come and take the test, then you
20 don't have to look at the application again?

21 MR. LAGRANGE: Yes. That was the intent of my
22 motion, was --

23 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: No, your motion was for
24 conditional. No, we can grant the conditional
25 immediately based on experience and then also grant

1 it for a regular whenever he tests. You want to
2 change the motion to that?

3 MR. LAGRANGE: No, I'll just make another motion
4 to also approve his application.

5 MR. STEWART: Okay.

6 MR. LAGRANGE: Regular certification.

7 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I second.

8 MR. STEWART: Okay. So we're rescinding the
9 original --

10 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: No.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: He'll get the conditional
12 immediately.

13 MR. STEWART: And then --

14 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Because of the experience.
15 And then once he tests he can get his regular.

16 MR. STEWART: All right. Motion by Mr.
17 Lagrange, second by Mr. Bonneville. Any
18 discussion, any opposition?

19 MS. BORDELON: And I'm just trying to save you
20 having to review the application again.

21 MR. STEWART: Billy Crain, Transfer Station
22 Level B City of Winnfield compactor.

23 MR. WYNN: I've got a problem with that one.

24 MR. BARBER: Me too.

25 MR. WYNN: They've got a conditional person in

1 place right now, and so we don't need another
2 conditional.

3 MS. BORDELON: Who are we looking at? Crain?

4 MR. STEWART: David Crain.

5 MS. BORDELON: What facility is this?

6 MR. WYNN: Winnfield.

7 MR. STEWART: City of Winnfield.

8 MS. BORDELON: I don't know if y'all remember,
9 but we -- a while back we had -- the City of
10 Winnfield -- the Mayor from the city of Winnfield --
11 the City of Winnfield, they don't even need
12 certifications for this facility. The mayor likes
13 for them to have certifications. And so that's why
14 we're issuing -- that's why they replaced
15 conditionals.

16 MS. BORDELON: I mean, it's just for that
17 facility. It's just something that the mayor wants
18 them to have. And we did it for some other people
19 based on the same circumstances.

20 MR. BARBER: Well, and it sounds like that this
21 guy's not even going to be working there. He's just
22 a standby just in case they need him. And I have a
23 problem with that. It don't sound like he's ever
24 worked there at all.

25 MR. WYNN: Well, it's got to the point where

1 everybody's talking about these conditionals, and so
2 the conditionals ought to be standard all the way
3 across the board. And this does not meet those
4 conditions. So I vote against it.

5 MR. STEWART: You make a motion?

6 MR. WYNN: I make a motion against it.

7 MR. STEWART: All right. We have a motion by
8 Mr. Wynn.

9 MR. BARBER: I second.

10 MR. STEWART: Second by Mr. Barber. Motion
11 carries. I mean, no -- any opposition? Any
12 discussion? Motion carries. We've covered Kenneth
13 Sanchez. Kristal Smith.

14 MS. BORDELON: No, you did not cover Kenneth
15 Sanchez. Kenneth Sanchez was asking for conditional
16 separation in addition to the extension for the CND.

17 MR. STEWART: Okay. Kenneth Sanchez, Separation
18 Level B.

19 MR. WYNN: Who is he replacing?

20 MS. BORDELON: I think we have --

21 MR. WYNN: Well, he did not check for
22 conditional.

23 MR. BARBER: Well, it's gotten to where a lot of
24 these guys think conditional is just standard. You
25 know, we've given so doggone many of them out.

1 MR. WYNN: Well, he is not -- you know, the
2 application is actually incomplete because he did not
3 have a signature of a supervisor. Okay. Excuse me.
4 I was looking up here for the conditional. And
5 that's what he's asking for, is conditional?

6 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Well, he's got both of them
7 checked off, regular and conditional, huh?

8 MS. BORDELON: What if Gator has a separation
9 facility and a CND? He already has the conditional
10 CND, now he's asking for a conditional separation.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Do you remember on what basis
12 he was given a conditional for the CND? Was he
13 replacing somebody?

14 MR. WYNN: I think I do remember that. He was
15 replacing somebody at that time.

16 MR. FOURRIER: He does have two years'
17 experience in construction. And one year at the
18 C & D Landfill. I motion we accept.

19 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Regular or conditional?

20 MR. WYNN: I think we need to go for regular.

21 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I think he's got -- he took
22 the test today -- I think he's got the experience for
23 the regular. We can bypass the conditional
24 altogether.

25 MS. BORDELON: For both?

1 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Yeah. Because he's got his
2 construction experience that took the place of the
3 one year -- you know, he's got his one year at the
4 present facility, the C & D facility, and he's got
5 his two years' construction experience. So I move we
6 approve both of them for regular certification.

7 MR. FOURRIER: Second.

8 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonnevillain.
9 Second by Mr. Fourrier. Any additional discussion?
10 Any opposition? Motion carries.

11 Kristal Smith, Landfill Level B, Republic
12 Services, Woolworth Road Landfill. She's replacing
13 Karen Holcomb.

14 MR. LAGRANGE: Move to approve.

15 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Lagrange, second by
16 Mr. Bonnevillain. Any discussion? Any opposition?
17 Motion carries.

18 All right. Next item is review of applications
19 for recertification.

20 MR. BARBER: Are we going to go ahead and
21 address all of these for Stericycle now?

22 MR. STEWART: I thought y'all would want to move
23 into the --

24 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Well, move to the end of the
25 applications.

1 MR. STEWART: Okay. We'll get that. All right.
2 Raymond Beene, Incinerator Level B. Stericycle.

3 (Off the Record.)

4 MR. BURSON: Al Burson speaking from Stericycle.
5 Along with me is Brian Sayers, the plant manager.
6 We're requesting the Board approve as many of these
7 as possible. A couple of factors play -- go into
8 play here. First of all, the incinerator has to
9 operate 24 hours a day, or we'd be in violation of
10 air quality rules. So that's why we're asking for so
11 many conditional operators. That's number one.
12 Number two, I know there's been concerns about them
13 not operating an incinerator in the past and we have
14 several people on site and Brian, who's a Level A,
15 will be supervising them. Al Jarrell, who just
16 passed his test today, only lives five minutes away
17 and he's there constantly as the maintenance guy.
18 And then Terry, once we get that information. So
19 there'll be three people there. Not only that,
20 myself, several other people from Stericycle will be
21 back and forth to the plant, especially during the
22 first 60 days, and then I'm sure quite a bit
23 thereafter to ensure that the plant is running, which
24 is also being managed electronically from other
25 locations. It's a modern facility. It's the only

1 incinerator of its type in the United States. And
2 the additional training besides solid waste, the
3 Federal EPA requires 24 hours initially on air
4 incinerator operations. So even beyond the solid
5 waste requirements, we have air requirements we have
6 to meet to comply with the HMI WI air rules or NSPS,
7 which is part of the -- normally this -- I mean, we
8 wouldn't make this type of request, but we received
9 our inspection yesterday from -- and once the letter
10 is received within a week or so, we can begin
11 operation. There'll be a 60-day shakedown period,
12 then we'll have to do a performance test and be up
13 and running. What.

14 I should've thought of doing is asking if, any
15 time any of you would like to come out and see the
16 facility, we'd welcome you. It's the most, like I
17 say, most modern incinerator in the United States,
18 and it's really a great facility.

19 And there was some discussion about -- I
20 understand about moving employees from other
21 incinerators to this one within a Stericycle system.
22 Those incinerators, first of all, operate
23 differently. Secondly, we did make that offer to
24 several employees, but we like to hire locally, so --
25 and these employees at other facilities would not

1 agree to move or even spend a large amount of time
2 here.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: What is your target startup date?

4 MR. BURSON: November 1st, actually.

5 MR. LAGRANGE: I think we went through the same
6 thing last meeting.

7 MR. BURSON: Well, let me -- they actually -- we
8 sent them -- we gave them so much more training and
9 we sent them to Baton Rouge, where Suzanne tested,
10 and they all passed.

11 MR. BARBER: Let me ask you a question. Have
12 you read the requirements for someone to get a
13 B level?

14 MR. BURSON: Yes, sir, I have.

15 MR. BARBER: It's two years of experience. I
16 mean, these conditionals are special circumstances
17 for guys that have some experience. These guys have
18 no experience.

19 MR. LAGRANGE: Well, actually, the conditional
20 is just to replace an operator.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: And when you think about it,
22 Troy, actually a person applying for a conditional
23 can walk in off of the street, day one, get the
24 conditional without any experience and any training
25 whatsoever. I have more of a problem with that than

1 I would have with these guys who've all taken the
2 test, passed it and, from what I understand, passed
3 it substantially. And they've had some training.
4 Not a lot of experience, but they've had some
5 training. I would rather do that than have someone
6 walking off the street on day one and give them a
7 conditional and they don't know a damn thing about
8 what they're doing. And that's just -- that's just
9 my thought on that.

10 MR. BARBER: I agree, but when I looked at his
11 applications --

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Wait a minute. The other thing
13 is that there are some discretions we have as a board
14 that we can do these things in special circumstances.
15 And the special circumstance to me is the fact that
16 they're going to be operating 24 hours a day, that
17 they can't shut down.

18 And so I'm just saying, from my standpoint, the
19 way I see it, I would much rather grant a conditional
20 to someone that had some training as opposed to
21 someone walking off the street --

22 MR. WYNN: Yeah, but how many conditionals are
23 you talking about --

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, that's something we have to
25 determine.

1 MR. LAGRANGE: Yeah, just to add to what you
2 said, under the statutes for conditional
3 certification, one of the items says that the Board
4 must determine that the applicant is qualified to
5 perform duties at a particular facility.

6 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: That's correct.

7 MR. LAGRANGE: At a particular facility. Mr.
8 Williams just commented, these gentlemen representing
9 the facility commented we have trained our guys --
10 they've been through a lot of training, they've
11 studied, they've taken the exam. Mr. Chairman, I
12 move to grant conditional certificates to those guys
13 that -- those applicants who have for Stericycle.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: I second.

15 MR. WYNN: I've still got a problem.

16 MR. BARBER: I've got a problem with it. At a
17 landfill, I've got to have one Level A and
18 responsible charge, not necessarily on site but
19 within reach by phone. I've got to have one B level
20 on site at all times. Now, why does this incinerator
21 facility need ten or twelve B levels? Am I missing
22 something?

23 MR. BURSON: I'll let Brian to answer, but first
24 of all, I was Solid Waste Level A operator of the
25 year a long time ago. And I've served on several

1 steering committees that helped write these
2 regulations, and I can say we never foresaw any
3 situation like we're having now. But Brian can
4 explain a little bit more why so many need it. And
5 we'll take what we can get. I mean, seriously,
6 because we're in that situation. But I'll let
7 Brian --

8 MR. SAYER: Well, being that it's a 24/7
9 operation, obviously there's going to be times you're
10 going to have employees that are on vacation,
11 employees that are sick, and we want to make sure,
12 obviously, that we can withhold these standards, and
13 we have the employees available to fill those
14 positions when we have other employees out.

15 MR. BARBER: So you have three shifts?

16 MR. SAYER: Four shifts.

17 MR. BARBER: Four shifts.

18 MR. SAYER: Yes, sir. And so if we have --

19 MR. BARBER: Four -- do you have any regular
20 operators, or are they all conditional?

21 MR. SAYER: They're all -- well, Al Jarrell will
22 be a regular, myself as a Level A, then we're going
23 to have Jerry Pharr, who's a Level A, who will also
24 be there. But he's currently not at our facility.
25 He'll be moving there from Shreveport to handle the

1 transportation side.

2 So what we're really requesting is, we'd like to
3 have at least two people a shift. That way if
4 somebody calls in sick before the shift, you know,
5 we're certainly going to try to make call-outs to get
6 somebody else into the shift to cover that position.
7 But, you know, sometimes that's a difficult, you
8 know -- it's not always perfect, right? So you
9 really need two people per shift so that you're
10 always in compliance. Our goal again is to always be
11 in compliance with this rule.

12 And let me say one other thing about the
13 training: I've got a book here of training that's
14 been performed since these employees have been on
15 staff at our facility. This is not even a portion of
16 the training that they've received since they've been
17 there. We have started this facility up in run mode
18 just in order to test certain things -- you know,
19 certain parts of the equipment, these employees have
20 been greatly involved in that process. There's been
21 a great deal of training since July 16, when these
22 employees started.

23 You know, six months of experience, I understand
24 that that's not for two years. But during that time,
25 we have spent a great deal of time training in

1 process operation work standards and incineration --
2 employee incineration training. I mean, that's a
3 huge training. That's several days of training. Not
4 only that, but working through the processes, you
5 know, talking about mechanical aspects, incineration,
6 philosophies and principles -- all of these things.
7 Confined space entry, lockout/tagout, all of these
8 things these employees have been trained in.

9 Not only that, but, you know, our system
10 operates off of programmable computer logic. There
11 are so many failsafes designed in our systems that if
12 something were to happen, our system will stop the
13 feed process -- well, actually, it could shut down
14 the incinerator -- I mean, there's just so many
15 things, so many failsafes. It's -- again, as Al
16 said, it's the most sophisticated, most up-to-date
17 incinerator in the country. This thing has so many
18 failsafes that if something were to happen, the
19 incinerator pretty much shuts itself down.

20 MR. WYNN: How long has the permitting process
21 been in place to get this facility up and going?

22 MR. BURSON: I may have to defer to Mia.

23 MS. TOWNSEL: They've had this permit for about
24 five years, and one of the conditions was that before
25 we can give them an order to commence, they had to do

1 a modification. So they submitted the modification
2 and we recently approved the modification, and --

3 MR. WYNN: When did they submit the
4 modification?

5 MS. TOWNSEL: It was probably about a month ago,
6 maybe.

7 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Yeah, it must have been a
8 month.

9 MR. WYNN: Okay. But they've had the permit for
10 five years?

11 MS. TOWNSEL: Yeah. They've had it for about
12 five years.

13 MR. WYNN: And in order to get a permit --

14 MS. TOWNSEL: And that was the renewal. Because
15 they've had a permit for longer than that --

16 MR. WYNN: For them to get the permit they had
17 to have the people in place to operate it. Certified
18 people. Am I correct?

19 MS. TOWNSEL: Not for them to be permitted.

20 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Not to get the permit, you
21 don't need --

22 MS. TOWNSEL: For them to commence operations --

23 MR. STEWART: Okay. Well I have a motion and a
24 second on the floor.

25 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Okay. And the motion is

1 what, now?

2 MR. STEWART: Accept it --

3 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Accept the conditional --

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: To the whole list?

5 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: To the whole list.

6 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I'd like a voice vote on

7 that, please.

8 MR. STEWART: Okay. Ms. Bordelon, could you do

9 a role call, please?

10 MS. BORDELON: Sure. Fred Williams?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

12 MS. BORDELON: Bubba Wynn?

13 MR. WYNN: No.

14 MS. BORDELON: Gary Bonnevallain?

15 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: No.

16 MS. BORDELON: Krystal Perkins?

17 MS. PERKINS: No.

18 MS. BORDELON: Bo Lagrange?

19 MR. LAGRANGE: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. BORDELON: John Fourrier?

21 MR. FOURRIER: Yes.

22 MS. BORDELON: Troy Barber?

23 MR. BARBER: No.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: What's the count?

25 MS. BORDELON: Four to three. We have an

1 ex officio -- I'm not sure how this works. An
2 ex officio and chairman. Do we go to the chairman
3 next?

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: The chairman can vote to make
5 or break --

6 MR. WILLIAMS: The tie.

7 MR. BARBER: An ex officio has no vote.

8 MS. TOWNSEL: So what is the vote now?

9 MS. BORDELON: Four-three. Four nos.

10 MR. LAGRANGE: Three yea's, four nays.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Mr. Chairman didn't vote.

12 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Motion fails.

13 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Well, it's going to fail
14 either way.

15 MR. LAGRANGE: Now can we make a motion on
16 reducing the amount and giving them a couple more?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Reducing the number?

18 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Right.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Of conditionals?

20 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I have no problem; I just
21 think it's overkill.

22 MR. STEWART: Okay. That motion fails. We have
23 a motion on the floor to accept -- how many are we
24 looking at here, guys?

25 MR. WYNN: One per shift. What's that, four?

1 MR. STEWART: Okay. I have a motion to accept
2 four of these operators. Are we going to be specific
3 about --

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Would y'all want to pick
5 which ones you want?

6 MR. SAYER: Yes, sir. I've actually -- Ms.
7 Bordelon, I've actually given her a list of
8 priorities. What we would like to have, at least the
9 leads on each shift be granted conditionals.

10 MR. WYNN: Do you have a problem with that one?

11 MR. BARBER: I can do that.

12 MR. WYNN: One per shift?

13 MR. BARBER: One per shift.

14 MR. STEWART: Well, give me some names so we
15 can --

16 MS. BORDELON: Okay. I have one. She sent my
17 Cleveland Reynolds, SM Frasier, Charles Smith, and
18 Joseph Jackson.

19 MR. WYNN: I make a motion we approve those four
20 for conditionals.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Second.

22 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Mr.
23 Williams. Any more discussion? Any opposition?
24 Motion carries.

25 MR. BARBER: Let me say this for the record, and

1 this is me speaking; this is not for the Board.
2 Hopefully, these are four guys that you're going to
3 keep on board and not come back to us next year
4 asking us for a conditional for somebody else to
5 replace them. You know, that's where I have a
6 problem, is that we're constantly having conditionals
7 at these facilities and we want to help you get these
8 guys to a point that they are meeting the
9 qualifications for regular certification, and we want
10 to have people there that are not just qualified by
11 passing the test, but by experience.

12 MR. WYNN: Well, if they bring it up to the
13 Board again this time next year, they will have --
14 some of them will have the experience. Not to have
15 conditional but go ahead and have their regular
16 certification.

17 MR. SAYER: Well, that's our goal, too. Our
18 goal too is to have that experience.

19 MR. BARBER: Thank you.

20 MR. SAYER: Thank you.

21 MR. STEWART: Moving on. Review of applications
22 for recertification. Chris Alderete, Level A,
23 Woolworth --

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Alderete.

25 MR. STEWART: Woolworth Road Landfill. Terry

1 Arbie (phonetic), Landfill Level A, Lafourche Parish
2 government. Louis Benton III, Landfill Level B,
3 St. Landry Parish Landfill.

4 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Correction. That name should
5 Bon-ton.

6 MR. STEWART: Seriously? Did I mess it up or --

7 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: It's a typo.

8 MR. STEWART: I know this is Hajji Brown,
9 Landfill Level B, St. Landry Parish Landfill. Maccon
10 Brown, Landfill Level B, St. Landry Parish Landfill.
11 Norris Crappell, Landfill Level A; he's with St. Mary
12 Parish government, Landfill Level A, Surface
13 Impoundment Level A, Landfarm Level A, incinerator
14 Level A, Refuse Derived Facility, Level A, transfer
15 Station Level A, C & D Level A, Composting Level A,
16 separation Level A. Jerry D. Frost, Landfill Level
17 B, St. Mary Parish government. John P. Helms,
18 Landfill Level A, Woolworth Road Landfill.
19 Tony R. Nervis, Landfill Level B, Mundy Landfill.
20 Daniel R. Thomas, Landfill Level A, Pickett
21 Industries. Danny Uriegas, Landfill Level A, Angco
22 Disposal.

23 Motion to accept those?

24 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I move.

25 MR. BARBER: Second.

1 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonnevillain, second
2 by Mr. Barber. Any discussion, any opposition?
3 Motion carries.

4 All right. Issuance of operating certificates,
5 Ms. Bordelon.

6 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Hope you got this straight.

7 MS. BORDELON: Pete Chreene, Landfill Level A.
8 John Clark, Landfarm Level B. Thom Czischke,
9 Landfill Level A. Eldon Ewing, Separation Level B.
10 Joseph Guidry, C & D Level B. Richard Isgot,
11 Landfill Level A. Deward Jarrell, Incinerator Level
12 B. Shannon McElwee, Landfill Level B. Jerry Pharr,
13 Incinerator Level A. Janifer Scott, C & D Level B.
14 Janifer Scott, Separation Level B. And Travis Scott,
15 C & D Level B.

16 MR. STEWART: Motion to accept?

17 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: I so move.

18 MR. WYNN: Second.

19 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Bonnevillain, second
20 by Mr. Wynn. Any discussion, any opposition? Motion
21 carries.

22 Next item is committee reports of the person
23 that was doing the awards went off board, so I
24 appoint Ms. Krystal Perkins as the awards committee.

25 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: You're the awards committee

1 chairman.

2 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Congratulations.

3 MR. STEWART: Do we have any information on any
4 awards, Ms. Bordelon? Today?

5 MS. BORDELON: No, nothing to report. Just that
6 toward the end of the year, we'll send out nomination
7 forms for a landfill -- I mean, not landfill, Level A
8 and Level B operator and for the Bentley (phonetic)
9 Mackie.

10 MR. STEWART: Testing. Mr. Bonnevillain.

11 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Yes, we had some changes for
12 that, had to be done to the testing because of the
13 changes in regulations, and we had that committee of
14 one of Ms. Suzanne Bordelon that went ahead and made
15 those changes. And I'd like to thank Ms. Bordelon
16 for her efforts.

17 MR. STEWART: Continuing education. That person
18 I want to also appoint, Mr. Troy Barber, as the
19 continuing education committee. Any information on
20 the continuing education at this time, Ms. Bordelon?

21 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: It's contingent?

22 MS. BORDELON: Nothing to report.

23 MR. STEWART: Good news. Mr. Fred Williams?

24 MR. WILLIAMS: I passed out my report. We will
25 have some changes made to the report, and I'll get

1 that to you just as soon as I get it back from
2 Suzanne, but this is the report with new appointees
3 on to the Board.

4 MR. STEWART: Okay. Other business, election of
5 chairman and vice chairman? Williams. Anybody --
6 any nominations? I guess we'll start with the --

7 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: You start with the Chair.

8 MR. STEWART: Chair?

9 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Yeah.

10 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Chairman?

11 MR. STEWART: Yes, sir?

12 MR. LAGRANGE: I make a motion that the position
13 of chairman and vice chairman, that those who
14 currently hold that position be elected for another
15 term.

16 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: Who's our vice chairman?

17 MR. STEWART: Mr. Fourrier. Motion by
18 Mr. Lagrange, second by Mr. Wynn. Any discussion?
19 We don't want to get to the opposition part.

20 MR. WYNN: It was a tossup because we don't
21 really like cowboys --

22 MR. STEWART: Well, thank you, guys, for the
23 vote of confidence.

24 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: You didn't take a vote yet.
25 You didn't ask if there's any opposition?

1 MR. STEWART: We don't have none. Speak now or
2 forever hold your peace. Let's set a date for our
3 December meeting. A date and our location, I guess.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: We got the location, we just need
5 a date.

6 MR. LAGRANGE: Mr. Chairman, I happily offer the
7 location at the Patterson Civic Center and would be
8 happy to host the next meeting in December. The
9 date -- the date I would recommend would be -- you're
10 looking for a Friday or a Thursday date. I'm not
11 sure if there's a day of the week you prefer?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: I prefer Friday, if at all
13 possible.

14 MR. LAGRANGE: December 12, Friday the 12th.
15 I'm not sure how our schedules are with that.

16 MR. BONNEVILLAIN: That's good with me. At what
17 time? Ten o'clock?

18 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Ten o'clock.

19 MR. STEWART: Okay.

20 MR. BARBER: December 12?

21 MR. STEWART: So can we -- I guess we need to
22 vote on that to make sure everybody's good with it?

23 MR. BARBER: I make a motion --

24 MR. WYNN: So moved.

25 MR. STEWART: Motion by Mr. Barber, second by

1 Mr. Wynn. Anymore discussion? Any opposition?

2 Patterson it is.

3 Public comments. Okay.

4 MS. BORDELON: Well, can I say -- can I go back?
5 We didn't issue certifications to our new Board
6 member, Lyndsey. Do we want to do that now or wait
7 until the next meeting, when she's here?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: I think -- I'd suggest that we
9 wait until the next meeting.

10 MR. STEWART: Yeah, because she may not want it
11 done.

12 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Done and done.

13 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: You mean none and done.

14 MR. STEWART: So it was a motion made by Mr.
15 Williams and I got a second from Mr. Lagrange. Any
16 opposition? Any other discussion? Motion carries.
17 Adjourned.

18 (The meeting adjourned.)