

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
 BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING  
 FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATORS  
 PUBLIC MEETING  
 PATTERSON, LOUISIANA  
 DECEMBER 16, 2013

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Board of Certification & Training for Solid Waste Management Operators held a public meeting at the Patterson Civic Center in Patterson, Louisiana on Monday, December 16, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Terrance Stewart, Chairman  
Mr. Denny Mize  
Mr. Jonathan Fourrier  
Mr. Gary Bonvillain  
Mr. Fred Williams  
Mr. Troy Barber  
Mr. John "Bubba" Wynn

## ABSENT:

Ms. Krystal Perkins  
Mr. James Berthelot  
Mr. Sam Phillips

## ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Bordelon, DEQ Staff.

1 MR. STEWART:

2 At this time I'd like to call to order  
3 the last and final meeting of the Board of Board of  
4 Certification and Training for Solid Waste  
5 Management Operators for the year 2013. The first  
6 order or business is roll call. Ms. Bordelon, would  
7 you call roll?

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 Bubba Wynn?

10 MR. WYNN:

11 Here.

12 MS. BORDELON:

13 Fred Williams?

14 MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Here.

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Gary Bonvillain?

18 MR. BONVILLAIN:

19 Here.

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 Jonathan Fourrier?

22 MR. FOURRIER:

23 Here.

24 MS. BORDELON:

25 Denny Mize?

1 MR. MIZE:

2 Present.

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 Troy Barber?

5 MR. BARBER:

6 Here.

7 MS. BORDELON:

8 Krystal Perkins?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 James Berthelot?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 MS. BORDELON:

14 Sam Phillips?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Terrance Stewart?

18 MR. STEWART:

19 Here.

20 Next order of business is the reviewing  
21 of the October 22nd, 2013 Minutes. Any discussions?

22 Any changes? Do I hear a motion to accept?

23 MR. WYNN:

24 I'll make the motion.

25 MR. WILLIAMS:

1 Second.

2 MR. STEWART:

3 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second by Mr.

4 Williams. Any discussion? Any opposition?

5 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

6 MR. STEWART:

7 Motion carries.

8 Item number 3, approval of CEUs for  
9 Waste Conference, presentation by Yolunda Righteous.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 That's a mistake on my part. We did  
12 approve those already at the October meeting.

13 MR. STEWART:

14 Next item, consideration of operator  
15 certifications. The first item is review of  
16 applications for certification. I understand we  
17 have Stewart B. Brian, C&D, Level B, and Separation,  
18 Level B.

19 MR. BARBER:

20 I know this is a conditional  
21 certification that he's asking for an extension on.  
22 But is there a reason why he didn't --

23 MS. BORDELON:

24 Actually he's asking for a regular.  
25 He's been there three years now. He had a

1 conditional back in 2012.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 So he's asking for a regular?

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 He's asking for a regular now.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 But the conditional --

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 It expired.

10 MR. BARBER:

11 And he did take his test?

12 MS. BORDELON:

13 Right.

14 MR. BARBER:

15 I was just wondering if there was a  
16 reason why he let this one expire when he could have  
17 got the regular in October.

18 MR. STEWART:

19 Maybe he lost track of the time.

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 Well, at the time that he applied for  
22 the conditional he didn't qualify for a regular.  
23 And I'm assuming he let it expire, they didn't need  
24 it at the time, you know, after that. But now he  
25 wants to apply for a regular certification.

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MR. FOURRIER:

Is he applying for a Level A or a Level  
B?

MS. BORDELON:

He's applying for a Level B.

MR. FOURRIER:

But he passed the Level A test.

MS. BORDELON:

No. I think he took the B.

MR. FOURRIER:

That's what it said in the email.

MS. BORDELON:

No. He took the Level B test.

MR. FOURRIER:

So he's got the experience and he  
passed the test.

MS. BORDELON:

Right.

MR. WYNN:

I'll make the motion we approve.

MR. MIZE:

Second.

MR. STEWART:

Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second by Mr.  
Mize. Any discussion? Any opposition?

1 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

2 MR. STEWART:

3 Motion carries.

4 Next is the reviewing of extensions to  
5 conditional certifications. The list of applicants  
6 we have are Jevon Natali, C&D, Level A, Jevcon LLC;  
7 Harry Gaspard, C&D, Level B, Jevcon LLC; Tora  
8 Fontenot, C&D, Level B, Jevcon, LLC; and Linda  
9 Jones, C&D, Level B, Natchitoches Parish Solid  
10 Waste.

11 MR. BONVILLAIN:

12 Have all of them met the requirements  
13 of passing the test and taking the course?

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 Yes, they have.

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 I'll move that we go ahead and grant  
18 the extension of the conditional.

19 MR. WILLIAMS:

20 Second.

21 MR. STEWART:

22 Motion by Mr. Bonvillain. Second by  
23 Mr. Williams. Any discussion? Any opposition?

24 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

25 MR. STEWART:

1 Motion carries.

2 Review of applications for  
3 recertification. Connie C. Henry, Landfill, Level  
4 A, Tangipahoa Parish Southwest Facility. Ronald J.  
5 Pellerin, Landfill, Level A, Pellerin & Wallace,  
6 Inc. Richard S. Phelps, Landfill, Level A, Union  
7 Parish Landfill. Derek W. Philyaw, C&D, Level B,  
8 Mt. Zion C&D Landfill. Walter W. Polk, II,  
9 Landfill, Level A, VersiTech, LLC.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 All of them have the required hours?

12 MS. BORDELON:

13 Yes, they do.

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 I'll move that we grant the  
16 recertifications.

17 MR. WILLIAMS:

18 Second.

19 MR. STEWART:

20 Motion by Mr. Bonvillain. Second by  
21 Mr. Williams. Any discussion? Any opposition?

22 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

23 MR. STEWART:

24 Motion carries.

25 Moving on to the committee reports --

1 MR. BONVILLAIN:

2 What about issuance of operator  
3 certificates?

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 We did that with the --

6 MR. BONVILLAIN:

7 That motion took care of issuing the  
8 certificate also?

9 MS. BORDELON:

10 Right, because he was the only one.

11 MR. STEWART:

12 Awards committee. Mr. Mize, any  
13 reports?

14 MR. MIZE:

15 Yes. I think we're going to email out  
16 before Christmas, you said?

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 I already did. I did on Thursday. I  
19 sent the nomination forms out on Thursday.

20 MR. MIZE:

21 Okay. I was out.

22 MS. BORDELON:

23 The nomination for the operator of the  
24 year went out, as well as the nomination form for  
25 the Bentley Mackay.

1 MR. MIZE:

2 Very good. Hopefully we get some back.

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 I'll send it again as a reminder.

5 MR. STEWART:

6 I know I'm going to push it at my  
7 facility.

8 Testing. Mr. Bonvillain?

9 MR. BONVILLAIN:

10 Nothing to report. No testing this  
11 period.

12 MR. STEWART:

13 Continuing education. Mr. Berthelot is  
14 not here. Any information on that?

15 MS. BORDELON:

16 None to report.

17 MR. STEWART:

18 And nominating. Mr. Fred Williams?

19 MR. WILLIAMS:

20 No report. All of our positions are  
21 filled.

22 MR. STEWART:

23 Other business. Sandy Callahan, that  
24 application was tabled, I think, from the Shreveport  
25 meeting to today.

1 MS. BORDELON:

2 We had tabled this application to  
3 request more information regarding the need for  
4 another certified operator at Greenpoint. We had  
5 asked to find out whether or not Mr. Callahan was a  
6 supervisor at his previous employer. I did contact  
7 his supervisor, Christina Suire, and she informed me  
8 that he was not a supervisor, so that experience  
9 could not count for regular certification. She did  
10 inform me, however, that they just in September lost  
11 a regularly certified operator, Billy Stephens, and  
12 that is who Mr. Callahan will be replacing.

13 MR. STEWART:

14 Did I read somewhere that the owner of  
15 that facility was the only operator?

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Right. That was another thing to find  
18 out how many operators were at that facility. Mr.  
19 Raywood Buteaux is the Level B operator there.  
20 Christina Suire and Ricky are the owners. But  
21 they're rarely there. I think she works in the  
22 office mostly. So the only operator actually  
23 working there full-time is Mr. Buteaux.

24 MR. BONVILLAIN:

25 So he will be replacing a regular

1 certified operator?

2 MS. BORDELON:

3 Correct.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 And under the regulations that's all  
6 that's required to grant the addition, so I'll make  
7 that motion.

8 MR. WILLIAMS:

9 Second.

10 MR. STEWART:

11 Motion by Mr. Bonvillain. Second by  
12 Mr. Williams. Any discussion? Any opposition?

13 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

14 MR. STEWART:

15 Motion carries.

16 Next item is request for approval of  
17 CEUs from SWANA and Texas Environmental.

18 MR. BONVILLAIN:

19 Are we looking at two different things?

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 We are.

22 MR. STEWART:

23 Yes, it's two different --

24 MR. FOURRIER:

25 Who's asking for these to be approved?

1 The organization or individuals?

2 MS. BORDELON:

3 The one for SWANA --

4 MR. MIZE:

5 I asked for the SWANA.

6 MR. BONVILLAIN:

7 That's the one in Natchez?

8 MR. MIZE:

9 Yes.

10 MR. STEWART:

11 SWANA kind of defined what all you had,  
12 you know, the topics that were being discussed.  
13 This other one looks like a book. It really didn't  
14 spell out -- I could be wrong, but it really didn't  
15 spell out --

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 At the Shreveport meeting someone came  
18 up during the meeting and handed me this older --  
19 there were some letters in it about some individuals  
20 taking this course. And I'll just read you a little  
21 bit of the cover letter. This was Karen Holcomb,  
22 "Thank you and congratulations for attending and  
23 completing the waste training held in Lindale, Texas  
24 on May 23rd. This letter is issued to recognize  
25 that you attended eight hours of training as part of

1 this course. Attached is your certificate to  
2 recognize this accomplishment. So I got letters for  
3 Karen Holcomb, Mike Head, Warren Pagle, Robert Reed,  
4 John Helms, Richard Isgitt, and Debbie Colvin. But  
5 it looks like they're only asking for eight hours.

6 MR. FOURRIER:

7 The table of contents is very thorough  
8 as far as waste identification. If that's what they  
9 -- if they covered all of this in eight hours then  
10 that's --

11 MR. WYNN:

12 Everybody on that list works for  
13 Republic, don't they?

14 MS. BORDELON:

15 Yes.

16 MR. WYNN:

17 That's one of the places they have to  
18 send them to every year now and it's over in Texas.

19 MR. MIZE:

20 For Shreveport? Where are the people  
21 from?

22 MR. WYNN

23 John Helms is in Shreveport. Richard  
24 Isgitt is in Webster.

25 MR. MIZE:

1 So in that area up there.

2 MR. WYNN:

3 Yes.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 It seems like that particular course  
6 was part of this book. There's no way they could  
7 have covered all of that in eight hours.

8 MR. WILLIAMS:

9 Because they would have gotten a lot  
10 more than eight hours.

11 MR. MIZE:

12 I don't know what good eight hours is  
13 going to do. They've got to pick up two more hours  
14 somewhere.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 Like I said at the last meeting about  
17 the nineteen or whatever, if we're going to grant  
18 it, grant them ten. And personally I don't have a  
19 problem with granting them ten hours for this  
20 training.

21 MR. BONVILLAIN:

22 Well, the thing is, I don't know that  
23 you actually had ten contact hours. It's not clear  
24 in this particular case. They're saying eight hours  
25 out of this book, but we don't really know exactly

1 what they covered. I don't have any problems with  
2 the eight hours they're saying they did. But to  
3 give them more than that, since there was not the  
4 contact hours, I would have a problem with that.

5 MR. STEWART:

6 Somewhere down the road you're coming  
7 up short.

8 MR. BONVILLAIN:

9 That's not our problem.

10 MR. BARBER:

11 Well, it's not. But it don't make  
12 sense to give it to them if -- can we just ask them  
13 to give some more information and be more specific  
14 about what the training is really entailed.

15 MS. BORDELON:

16 Yes.

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 Is there any indication on the actual  
19 time spent in class other than the certificates that  
20 they got?

21 MS. BORDELON:

22 No. The letter says, "Recognize that  
23 you attended eight hours of training as part of the  
24 course".

25 MR. BONVILLAIN:

1 I take it that they're probably going  
2 to be going back to this same course.

3 MS. BORDELON:

4 And it looks like it was a one day  
5 course.

6 MR. BONVILLAIN:

7 I'd go ahead and make the motion to go  
8 ahead and grant the eight hours.

9 MR. FOURRIER:

10 I'll second it.

11 MR. STEWART:

12 Motion by Mr. Bonvillain. Second by  
13 Mr. Fourrier. Any discussion? Any opposition?

14 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

15 MR. STEWART:

16 Motion carries.

17 MR. BARBER:

18 Now that's for this prevention of  
19 unauthorized waste?

20 MR. STEWART:

21 Yes.

22 MR. BARBER:

23 The only thing I would suggest -- and  
24 whenever we notify these people that it's been  
25 granted, make sure that they're aware that the eight

1 hours a year over a four year period is going to  
2 leave you short. So they won't go in thinking that  
3 this is going to cover their training.

4 MR. WILLIAMS:

5 Well, I'm pretty sure they understand  
6 that. If they don't, then maybe they're in the  
7 wrong business.

8 MS. BORDELON:

9 Most of these people, those names that  
10 I've read off, have been certified for several years  
11 and they're --

12 MR. WILLIAMS:

13 I guarantee you they'll be back saying  
14 they're short.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 If I'm not mistaken, wasn't Richard  
17 Isgitt in Shreveport?

18 MS. BORDELON:

19 I don't recall.

20 MR. WYNN:

21 I know his name was there, but I don't  
22 know if --

23 MS. BORDELON:

24 Probably so. Because I think somebody  
25 -- I think Karen Holcomb was as well, because I

1 think she may have been the one that sent this  
2 folder up.

3 MR. WYNN:

4 So actually they've got more hours than  
5 what they're going to need. That's fine; the more  
6 education the better.

7 MR. STEWART:

8 So the motion has been made to approve  
9 the eight hours for that one.

10 What about this 2013 SWANA fall  
11 conference. Mr. Mize, did we look over this thing  
12 and -- how many hours were --

13 MR. MIZE:

14 Ten.

15 MR. STEWART:

16 Ten?

17 MR. MIZE:

18 It was ten.

19 MR. STEWART:

20 What are the wishes of the board?

21 MR. WYNN:

22 I'll make a motion we accept it.

23 MR. BARBER:

24 Second.

25 MR. STEWART:

1 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second by Mr.  
2 Barber. Any discussion? Any opposition?

3 (MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY)

4 MR. STEWART:

5 Motion carries. Hours granted.

6 Any public comments?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 MR. WYNN:

9 I'll make the motion we adjourn.

10 MR. WILLIAMS:

11 Second.

12 MR. STEWART:

13 Mr. Wynn make the motion we adjourn.

14 Seconded by Mr. Williams. Meeting adjourned.

15 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:22 A.M.)

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