

Minutes
Louisiana Committee of Certification
Special Hearing for Marios Papadopoulos
October 25, 2012
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bienville Building Rooms 671-673
628 North 4th Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hearing for Marios Papadopoulos was called to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL:

A. Determination of Quorum.

Committee Members in attendance:

David Wittner (Chairman), Craig Gautreaux, Tom Owens, Dennis McGehee, Mayor Glenn Brasseaux, Jake Causey (Secretary and Ex-officio DHH).

Committee Members Absent:

Dirk Barrios (Vice Chairman) and Grant Magnon.

A quorum was achieved.

Recognition of Visitors and Others:

DHH-OPH staff in attendance was James Mooring, David McCay, and Steve Hoss who joined the meeting in progress.

Visitors: Marios Papadopoulos and Rick Gallot, attorney for Mr. Papadopoulos

B. Announcements: Chairman introduced the visitors.

Chairman opened the meeting by stating that this was a second hearing by which Mr. Papadopoulos was requesting to not have his certifications revoked for two (2) years. DHH attorney, David McCay, clarified that the first hearing was held on December 1, 2011 and that, because neither Mr. Papadopoulos nor his attorney attended that meeting, there was confusion regarding whether or not proper notice of hearing was received by Mr. Papadopoulos. Negotiations were held between the two attorneys resulting in this subsequent hearing being scheduled. Correspondence between the attorneys had

determined that proper notice of this hearing had been received and it was stipulated that the letter dated August 1, 2011 was received by Mr. Papadopoulos. This stipulation along with the letter was introduced as evidence with no objection. Mr. McCay next asked if there was any objection to the disciplinary hearing being held in executive session. There was no objection. Mr. McCay next stated that his role is to advise the Committee as to legal matters and that he will not be advocating for any result.

Mr. Craig Gautreaux's motion to go into executive session was seconded by Mayor Brasseaux and passed without opposition. Mr. McCay determined that there were no members of the public present and the Committee entered executive session.

The Committee returned to open session. Mr. Gautreaux made the motion that Mr. Papadopoulos be allowed to choose between two options to be presented to Dr. Guidry for his consideration. Option one (1) is that Mr. Papadopoulos' Class 4 Wastewater Treatment certificate be suspended for one (1) year beginning March 6, 2012, and that in order for the certificate to be reactivated, Mr. Papadopoulos be required to take a 32 hour wastewater course, re-take, and pass the Class 4 Wastewater Treatment exam and that he speak at either the Louisiana Conference or LRWA Annual Conference where he will share with the operators the importance of DMR's and that signing them should not be taken lightly. Option two (2) is the original two (2) year revocation during the 2012-13 renewal cycle after which Mr. Papadopoulos would be required to start testing again at Class 1, should he wish to be certified. This motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. After discussion the motion carried without opposition. Mayor Brasseaux offered a motion that Mr. Papadopoulos be given fourteen (14) days to respond with his decision by certified mail and that decision would be forwarded to Dr. Guidry. Mr. Causey seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.