

Board of Certification Zoom Meeting – September 22, 2021

3:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ricardo de Abreu. A roll call was taken by Suzanne Bordelon. The following Board members were present: Ricardo de Abreu, Jason Creel, Donovan Driskill, David Green, Connie Henry, Danny Hylton, Mia Townsel, Wes Wyche and Bubba Wynn.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Yolunda Righteous to approve the hours from the LSWA virtual workshop for 10 CEUs. Yolunda presented the agenda and mentioned that there will be another virtual workshop in late October or early November. There is no date set as of yet. All Board members were emailed a copy of the agenda and a motion was made by Bubba Wynn to approve the agenda, seconded by Jason Creel. The motion was amended to include approval of the agenda for the May workshop that had already taken place. Bubba made a new motion and a second was made by David Greene. Motion passed.

Next is the review of applications for certification. The first is Matthew Bourgeois. There was discussion as to whether his experience needed to be in a supervisory position. It was determined that his experience was sufficient to qualify for a Level A operator. A motion was made by David Green and seconded by Wes Wyche. Motion passed. Next application was Jamar Grant. Bubba Wynn made the motion to accept and second by David Green. Motion passed. Next application was Traci Grant. Bubba Wynn made a motion to accept and seconded by Donovan Driskill. Motion passed. Next application was Kyle Plouhar. It was noted that he had a little over one year of incinerator experience, but his construction experience was drilling experience and the Board did not feel that it was sufficient construction experience. Therefore, a motion was made to issue Kyle a conditional Level B certification. The motion was made by Bubba Wynn, seconded by Wes Wyche. Motion passed. Next application was Clayton Spell. A motion was made by Wes Wyche to approve and seconded by Donovan Driskill. Motion passed. Next application was Christopher Todd. Christopher has held a Level B certification since 2016. A motion was made by Conovan to approve and seconded by Connie Henry.

Next item on the agenda is requests for conditional certification from Joseph K Pappillion, Medical Waste Management. He indicated on his application that he was replacing Callen Jacobs, who was a conditional operator, and it was noted that a conditional cannot be replaced by another conditional operator. Mr. Pappillion having only been employed for one week and not having any experience, the Board denied his application. A motion was made by David Green and seconded by Bubba Wynn. Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda is request to extend conditional certificate from Shelbi Schnebelen. She was issued a conditional in March, 2021, attended virtual workshop in May, 2021, passed exam August, 2021. Bubba Wynn made the motion to extend her conditional and issue a regular certificate when she has her two years in December, 2021. Jason Creel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of recertifications (list attached). A motion was made by Bubba Wynn, second by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

A motion was made to issue re-certifications to Damian Patterson and Margie Randle with the stipulation that they complete their last 10 hours within one year of the expiration date of their certification. Motion made by Bubba Wynn, second by David Green. Motion passed.

There were no certificates to be issued, but a motion was made by Bubba Wynn to issue certificates to those whose applications were approved and may potentially come in to test and pass, prior to another Board meeting. Seconded by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

Next item is Committee reports:

Danny Hylton had no report on the awards committee. Bubba Wynn deferred to Suzanne Bordelon who reported that only one person (Shelbi Schnebelen) had come into the office to test since the Board last met. Connie Henry reported on Continuing Education about having to move the LSWA Conference again and when there is a date set for the virtual workshop that notifications will be sent out. David Green reported on the nominating committee that letters were sent out to the Police Jury and the Municipal Association about needing replacements for Connie Henry and Jason Creel. A letter was also drafted to Dr. Brown to extend the term of Ricardo de Abreu for an additional 3 years.

A request was received from Jon Fourrier for lifetime certification. A motion was made by Connie Henry and seconded by Danny Hylton. Motion passed.

Mia Townsel mentioned that she would be retiring on January 4, 2022, and this would be her last Board meeting.

Suzanne Bordelon reminded the Board about the criteria for lifetime membership for those that did not know it existed.

There was discussion regarding having a December meeting and we decided to play by ear depending on the amount of applications that come in.

A motion was made by Bubba Wynn to adjourn and seconded by Donovan Driskill. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.