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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We'll call the meeting of the Board of Certification of Training for Solid Waste Management Operators to order. March 22, 2019, Lafayette, Louisiana, 10 a.m.

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

MS. BORDELON:

Yes. Connie Henry?

MS. HENRY:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton?

MR. HYLTON:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Wes Wyche?

MR. WYCHE:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Jason Creel?

MR. CREEL:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:



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David Greene?

MR. GREENE:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Troy Barber?

MR. BARBER:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Ricardo de Abreu?

DR. de ABREU:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Bo Lagrange?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Here.

MS. BORDELON:

Gary Bonvillian?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Here.

Okay. We have a quorum. Matter of fact, we have everybody here today. Okay. First item is review agenda for 2019 LSWA workshop for approval of hours. We have Ms. Yolanda Righteous with the LSWA Board to present the proposed agenda.

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MR. LAGRANGE:

Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah.

MR. LAGRANGE:

What about minutes?

MS. BORDELON:

You skipped.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Oh, I sure did. Sorry about that.

Okay. We'll put you on hold, Yolanda.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Okie dokie.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Everybody had a chance to review the minutes of the December 8th meeting? Are there any corrections to those minutes?

MR. LAGRANGE:

December 7th meeting.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

What did I say?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Eighth.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. December 7, 2018. I didn't



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sleep well last night.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move to accept them --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Are there any corrections?

Okay.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move to accept the minutes as presented.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Motion by Mr. Lagrange to accept the minutes as presented.

MR. BARBER:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Barber.

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Now we'll have the agenda for the workshop hours. Ms. Righteous?

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Okay. I think everybody has a copy, right?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

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Speak up.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Okay. Everybody has a copy?

MR. GREENE:

Yes.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Okay. Have you-all had a chance to glance at it?

No?

Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

We just passed it around. You may want to go through it.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Okay. Okay. Okay.

All right. So, we have our workshop scheduled for July 16th and October 8th. And this is the agenda for both of those workshops. And, as you can see, on the first day we have our OSHA refresher followed by asbestos management. First day we have equipment training and HazCom training. And then, on the second day we had our ethics training, and, actually, the last three topics on the first day are

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1 topics that have been presented here at  
2 this year's -- well, actually -- this --  
3 this conference. We have "I'm here to  
4 inspect your landfill." And these are all  
5 regional surveillance folks.

6 "The inspection is done -- What's  
7 next?" That's more or less the  
8 enforcement process.

9 And then "Compliance at Transfer  
10 Stations."

11 So, this is the proposed agenda. If  
12 you have questions, I'll try and answer  
13 any questions that you may have.

14 This agenda mimics this March agenda.  
15 Almost 80 percent of this agenda will  
16 carry over to the July and October  
17 meeting.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 I offer a motion to approve it.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 Okay. Motion by Mr. Barber to  
22 approve the proposed agenda.

23 Is there a second motion to the  
24 motion?

25 MR. GREENE:



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I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Green.

Any further discussion?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Just to clarify, then that's for ten hours, right?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, it would be for ten hours.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Yes. Ten hours, yes.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Is there any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

MS. RIGHTEOUS:

Thank you.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Next up we have consideration of operator certifications, and we've got a stack to go through this morning, so.

First up we have Joshua Bidleman, Landfill, Level B. Any comments or questions about Mr. Bidleman?

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1                   Okay. Next we'll go to Nicholas  
2                   Boutte, Landfill, Level B. Any questions  
3                   on Mr. Boutte?

4                   Next we have Ronald Christen,  
5                   Landfill, Level B.

6                   MS. TOWNSEL:

7                   I didn't see that he had anything  
8                   written for education.

9                   MR. BONVILLAIN:

10                  Level B has no requirement -- there's  
11                  no educational requirement.

12                  MS. TOWNSEL:

13                  Okay.

14                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

15                  Level A requires a high school  
16                  diploma.

17                  MS. TOWNSEL:

18                  All right.

19                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

20                  It would have been nice if he filled  
21                  it in, but it's --

22                  MS. BORDELON:

23                  Yeah.

24                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

25                  Angel Darling, Landfill, Level B.

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MR. WYCHE:

I just noticed that the experience is mostly kind of clerical, but it does include in here profiling and reporting.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MR. WYCHE:

Do we consider that to be sufficient for experience?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah.

MR. BARBER:

Historically we have, yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

It's all part of the whole process, you know.

Next up, Ronald Dartez, C & D, Level A.

Okay. Next is Terry Dedon, which is one Ms. Bordelon gave you with the agenda, so if you want to take a minute or two to look at it. It's a DEQ employee.

MS. BORDELON:

He had been previously certified before. He had just not attended enough



1 classes to recertify so he tested again.  
2 MR. BONVILLAIN:  
3 Uh-huh (yes).  
4 MR. BARBER:  
5 So, did he pass?  
6 MS. BORDELON:  
7 Yes.  
8 MR. BONVILLAIN:  
9 Yeah.  
10 MR. BARBER:  
11 All of them?  
12 MS. BORDELON:  
13 Yes.  
14 MR. BARBER:  
15 Wow.  
16 MR. HYLTON:  
17 He deserves it.  
18 MR. BONVILLAIN:  
19 What a man.  
20 MR. BARBER:  
21 And he passed.  
22 MS. BORDELON:  
23 Yeah.  
24 MR. BARBER:  
25 Okay.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Next up is Erick Gomez,  
Incinerator, Level A.

MR. BARBER:

I've got a question on him, I think.  
I'm not sure I'm seeing the experience.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. If you look on the -- on page  
three, he worked at a water and wastewater  
treatment facility from sometime in '16  
until February of '19. And this is the  
type of facility that he's actually going  
to be in.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Also, prior to that, he was at,  
evidently, this facility.

MS. BORDELON:

Same facility.

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MR. LAGRANGE:

For two years.

MR. WYCHE:



1 Do they incinerate their sewage  
2 sludge? Is that what this was --

3 MR. BONVILLAIN:

4 I believe so, yeah.

5 MR. LAGRANGE:

6 That's correct.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 Well, it -- I mean, if y'all think  
9 that qualifies for experience, I'm -- I  
10 guess it's okay.

11 MR. BONVILLAIN:

12 This is one of those facilities  
13 that's kind of in the middle of nowhere,  
14 really.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 Uh-huh (yes).

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 And it's hard to classify exactly  
19 where we're going to put them at, but DEQ  
20 requires that they have certified  
21 operators, so we kind of try to place them  
22 as close as we can according to the  
23 certification regulations.

24 MR. BARBER:

25 Okay.



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MR. LAGRANGE:

Also, just so you know, if you look on page four at the top, he holds a lot of wastewater certifications from DHH, which, you know, tells you the guy's got experience if he's acquired those certifications for wastewater plants at level three and four. And so I think that helps with the overall experience --

MR. BARBER:

Okay.

MR. LAGRANGE:

-- for that type of -- for the type of application or facility he's at.

MR. BARBER:

All right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Next we have Keely Grigsby, Landfill, Level B.

MR. BARBER:

Did -- he's got --

MR. GREENE:

I think I --

MR. BARBER:

-- conditional checked; is that



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right?

MS. BORDELON:

Right. I actually moved that one to the regulars. I felt like maybe she might qualify for regulars --

MR. BARBER:

Well, I agree.

MS. BORDELON:

-- so I moved it to --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah.

MR. BARBER:

Okay. That's my only question then.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Tammy Lastrapes, Landfill, Level B.  
Richard Meyer, Landfill, Level A.

MR. BARBER:

I've got a question on this one. I believe this is the engineer; is that correct?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

I think you're correct.

MR. BARBER:



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He shows --

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah. And he's had -- he's got a Level B, that he's had since 2014. He's been a Level B operator.

MR. LAGRANGE:

So, he's got at least a year experience and a civil engineering degree. I think he's -- that meets his experience requirements.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah, you only have to have a B for one year to qualify for an A.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MR. BARBER:

Well, it doesn't -- he doesn't say that he has -- he says he has a degree, but he doesn't say anything -- and I know there's a lot of those engineers out there that --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Well, actually --

MR. BARBER:

-- has the degree, but didn't pass

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1 the exam, you know.

2 MR. BONVILLAIN:

3 Yeah.

4 MR. BARBER:

5 So, technically, they're not an

6 engineer.

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 But he's got his Level B since '14.

9 MR. BARBER:

10 And that -- and I didn't notice that,

11 so.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 So, he's -- yeah, he's got the

14 experience.

15 MR. BARBER:

16 Yeah. He meets it under that. All

17 right. I'm good.

18 MR. BONVILLAIN:

19 Okay. Next up, Todd Merriett,

20 Landfill, Level A and C & D, Level A.

21 MR. BARBER:

22 I put a question mark on this one. I

23 think maybe because he's got conditional

24 checked on --

25 MR. GREENE:



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Right. Both of them.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Right. Yeah.

MR. BARBER:

-- both of those.

MS. BORDELON:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. WYCHE:

His experience would be three years  
as of this upcoming April 1st.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Correct. Right. And I think that's  
why, probably, Suzanne moved it into the  
regular.

MS. BORDELON:

Right. Because he's had a  
conditional since July of 2016.

MR. WYCHE:

So, maybe he doesn't have the three  
years as we sit today.

MS. BORDELON:

He will -- he will, yeah.

MR. BARBER:

So, we need to do this separate  
and --

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah. That -- yeah.

MR. LAGRANGE:

-- put that pending that --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

We can --

MS. BORDELON:

Well, it's actually April he'll have  
the three years. April 1st.

MR. LAGRANGE:

That's what he's talking about.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah. Okay.

DR. de ABREU:

And when we do this, do they have to  
be tested for the class A?

MS. BORDELON:

He did.

DR. de ABREU:

Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, normally we go ahead and make a  
motion to approve it upon completion of

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the three years coming up.

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. LAGRANGE:

I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Moved by Mr. Lagrange.

MR. BARBER:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Barber.

Any objection to the motion?

Hearing none, the motion passes.

Curtis Morrison, Landfill, Level B.

John Ovelia, C & D, Level A.

MR. BARBER:

I put a question mark here, but I'm not -- let me look to see what I -- I'm not sure what I was questioning. It looks like his experience is certain -- well, so he was a supervisor or a manager and supervised several employees, but that wasn't at a landfill; is that correct?

MR. GREENE:

It says the Gentilly Landfill.



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MS. TOWNSEL:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, it was at Gentilly.

MR. BARBER:

I'm not seeing that.

MR. GREENE:

It's under his brief work detail history on page two.

MS. TOWNSEL:

In the description.

MR. BARBER:

On three?

MR. GREENE:

Page two.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Page two at the bottom in the description.

MR. BARBER:

Well --

MS. TOWNSEL:

And then it references Durr Heavy Construction, as well.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

They have a subcontractor at that

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facility.

MR. BARBER:

Yeah, it really don't sound to me like it's landfill operation. It sounds like it was construction. I mean, am I misreading that?

MR. WYCHE:

It is kind of confusing to me. I know what you're saying.

MR. BARBER:

Because he's talking about --

MR. GREENE:

It's saying he's not worked --

MR. BARBER:

-- budget and subcontractors and labor and equipment and project needs and --

MR. GREENE:

My issue was, I don't see where --

MR. BARBER:

And then he goes on to say estimate and manage both public and private demolition projects. So, it don't sound like that's --

MR. WYCHE:



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At a landfill.

MR. BARBER:

-- at a landfill.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Well, I think the first sentence is what applies to the landfill in that description.

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HENRY:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. LAGRANGE:

So, the question becomes, he definitely has at least two years construction experience.

MR. BARBER:

Okay. Let me read that out loud so I -- might can let it sink in. Assist in managing and fulfilling the responsibility and duties of Durr Heavy Construction subcontract agreement with Alid, AMID Metro partnership. Then he's got in parentheses Gentilly Landfill.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.



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DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HENRY:

That's their -- that's like their name. Like, you know, you'll have one title and the Dutifully Known As or -- that's their --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Doing Business As.

MS. HENRY:

Right. That's their -- that's how they register. All their employees, everything.

MR. BARBER:

But he goes on and everything he's talking about from there sounds like projects that may or may not be at the landfill. I don't know, I just had a question about it. I'm not clear on it.

MS. HENRY:

I think it's as Bo says --

MR. BARBER:

He's asking for an A Level for a C & D site.

MS. HENRY:

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-- he leads in with where he works.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

One at a time, please.

MS. HENRY:

I'm sorry.

I think it's like Bo said, he leads in with where he manages and where he assists and then he goes on to list the duties, like, he gives you a lead sentence with, This is where I do these projects, and then he lists the projects that he does.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yes?

MR. LAGRANGE:

I think you need -- for an A Level you need at least two years construction experience -- three years experience and two years can be construction, one in solid waste; is that correct?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Not --

MR. BONVILLAIN:



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We took that out.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Oh, we took it out. Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

On the last rewrite of the regs --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- construction experience doesn't  
count for the Level A.

MR. LAGRANGE:

So, it's all solid waste then?

MS. BORDELON:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay.

MR. BARBER:

Right.

MR. LAGRANGE:

So, the question becomes, since 2010  
has he been -- how must assisting and  
managing the responsibilities and duties  
at the Gentilly -- at that facility?

MR. BARBER:

Right. And, I mean, it looks like

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1 he's been there for nine years with the  
2 company, but it doesn't -- I'm just not  
3 seeing anything that satisfies me that he  
4 has the experience to be an A Level  
5 operator in charge of a site.

6 MR. BONVILLAIN:

7 Okay. Would y'all want to get some  
8 more clarification?

9 MR. BARBER:

10 I would love to have more  
11 clarification.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 Okay. Would you like to make a  
14 motion to that effect?

15 MR. BARBER:

16 I will. I'll make a motion that we  
17 table this application and ask him to give  
18 us some clarity on his experience.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Okay. We have a motion from  
21 Mr. Barber to table the application for  
22 Mr. John Ovelia until we can get further  
23 explanation on his experience.

24 Is there --

25 MR. WYCHE:



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Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Wyche.

Any further discussion?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Just a comment or question. Do we believe he at a minimum would be eligible for a Level B based on this? And we may -- when we ask him for more information -- the reason I'm saying that, we could also tell him that, potentially, you may --

MR. BARBER:

Well, he's worked for that --

MR. LAGRANGE:

-- could possibly be approved for a level B. If you think so.

MR. BARBER:

-- he's worked for that company for -- obviously, for nine years but --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, it's not the question of the number of years. It's the question of exactly what is the experience.

MR. BARBER:



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Right.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

So, if you're questioning it for the Level A, you'd also have to question it for the Level B.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay. Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BARBER:

I would, yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MR. HYLTON:

Well, if he passed the A test then that means he knows what he needs to know.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Not necessarily.

DR. de ABREU:

Not necessarily.

MR. HYLTON:

Okay.

DR. de ABREU:

You still have to have the --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

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1                   That's the minimum that -- you know,  
2                   that they have to do.

3                   MR. LAGRANGE:

4                   Knowledge, yeah.

5                   MR. BONVILLAIN:

6                   But that doesn't necessarily mean  
7                   that he meets the experience requirements.

8                   MS. HENRY:

9                   So, based on the people he lists that  
10                  he supervises along with the duties that  
11                  he's listed, that's not enough?

12                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

13                  That thing is in so fine a print, I  
14                  didn't even see it.

15                  MS. HENRY:

16                  Well, he lists that he supervises  
17                  the -- an operator a foreman, laborers, a  
18                  superintendent, another operator, as well  
19                  as a truck driver. And it -- I mean, he  
20                  listed out. So, if you're supervising all  
21                  of those people along with this list of  
22                  detailed duties that he does, I'm not sure  
23                  why we're pushing it.

24                  MR. BARBER:

25                  Title 46 also in that same place says

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1 that he supervise them in the area of good  
2 drainage practices, not just the heavy  
3 equipment. And, you know, I don't see  
4 anything that shows me that. I mean, I  
5 don't know what he's done for those nine  
6 years.

7 DR. de ABREU:

8 I think the question is, he -- the  
9 regulations require at least three years  
10 of solid waste management experience, so  
11 that's exactly what's in the regs. We  
12 just need to know from this nine years how  
13 many years he has experience -- he has  
14 worked with solid waste management.

15 MR. BONVILLAIN:

16 Okay. Any further discussion?

17 Okay. Is there any objection to the  
18 motion?

19 Ms. Henry, you're free to object if  
20 you want to.

21 MS. HENRY:

22 No, I won't.

23 MR. BONVILLAIN:

24 Okay. Hearing no objections, the  
25 motion passes. This application will be

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1                   tabled until we can get more clarification  
2                   on the experience.

3                   Next up, Seth Natali, C & D Level B.

4                   MR. BARBER:

5                   I've got a question on this one.  
6                   This company -- it looks like he's worked  
7                   from this company from '13 to present,  
8                   is -- Suzanne, is this a new company  
9                   that's taken over a C & D site or has this  
10                  been --

11                  MS. BORDELON:

12                  No, they've been -- huh-uh (no).  
13                  It's not new.

14                  MR. BARBER:

15                  I think the reason I came back and  
16                  questioned this, I believe further on in  
17                  the application, maybe in conditionals or  
18                  something, that I saw several more for  
19                  this same facility.

20                  MS. BORDELON:

21                  There's -- no, I think there's one  
22                  more.

23                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

24                  Yeah, they had two for that facility.

25                  MS. BORDELON:



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There's two.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

One was a Level A, one was a Level B.

MR. BARBER:

Because I'd initially checked it off as okay and then I came back and put a little question mark. I'm just not quite sure that -- I was --

MS. BORDELON:

I believe his -- maybe his father is certified as a Level A already for this facility, because there's another -- I think that they have two other operators already there at the facility.

MR. BARBER:

Okay. All right. I'm good.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Robert Read, Landfill, Level B.

Luis Sanchez, Landfill, Level A.

Christopher Smith, C & D, Level B.

Nicole Soileau, Landfill, Level B.

Hector Vasquez, Landfill, Level B.

John Vice, Landfill, Level B.

Desmond Washington, Landfill, Level

B.

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1 Shaun Wyer, Landfill, Level B.  
2 Okay. I'll entertain a motion for  
3 the approval of the following  
4 applications: Joshua Bidleman, Landfill,  
5 Level B; Nicholas Boutte, Landfill, Level  
6 B; Ronald Christen, Landfill, Level B;  
7 Angel Darling, Landfill, Level B; Ronald  
8 Dartez, C & D, Level A; Terry Dedon, Level  
9 A for Landfill, Surface Impoundment,  
10 Landfarm, Incinerator, Transfer Station, C  
11 & D, Composting, and Separation; Erick  
12 Gomez, Incinerator, Level A; Keely  
13 Grigsby, Landfill, Level B; Tammy  
14 Lastrapes, Landfill, Level B; Richard  
15 Mayer, Landfill, Level A; Curtis Morrison,  
16 Landfill, Level B; Seth Natali, C & D,  
17 Level B; Robert Read, Landfill, Level B;  
18 Luis Sanchez, Landfill, Level A;  
19 Christopher Smith, C & D, Level B; Nicole  
20 Soileau, Landfill, Level B; Hector  
21 Vasquez, Landfill, Level B; John Vice,  
22 Landfill, Level B; Desmond Washington,  
23 Landfill, Level B; and Shaun Wyer,  
24 Landfill, Level B.

25 Do I hear a motion to approve the



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applications.

MR. CREEL:

So moved.

MR. WYCHE:

So moved.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Wyche.

MR. CREEL:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Creel.

Any objection to the motion?

Hearing none, the motion passes.

Next up we have a -- we have review request for conditional certifications.

First up Tamisha Jordan, Landfill, Level B, replacing Kristal Smith.

MR. BARBER:

I put myself a note here and asked why conditional.

MS. BORDELON:

I think it was because -- I remember calling them, and from what I recall they needed the -- her certification now because she was not going to be able to

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1 test until July.

2 MR. BARBER:

3 Oh, so she has not tested?

4 MS. BORDELON:

5 She has not tested.

6 MR. BARBER:

7 Okay.

8 MR. GREENE:

9 That's Tamisha, she works over in  
10 Shreveport. She was recently moved to the  
11 landfill in replacement of Kristal.  
12 Kristal was moved back to Holly division,  
13 so she basically our QAC, quality control  
14 special waste person there at the  
15 landfill.

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Yeah, so they needed her  
18 certification until she can test.

19 MR. GREENE:

20 And right now she's doing dual --  
21 she's doing all her work at the landfill  
22 and then coming in on Saturday and doing  
23 billing until we get replacement there.  
24 So, that's why she's asking for a  
25 conditional.

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MR. BARBER:

Okay. I'm good with that.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve?

MR. BARBER:

So moved.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Barber.

MR. CREEL:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Creel, that the conditional for Tamisha Jordan be approved. Any objections to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Richard LeBouef, Landfill, Level A.

MR. BARBER:

Well, I've never written this across one before, but I wrote across the front of this one "Absolutely not."

Y'all -- we gonna put somebody in charge of a landfill, and especially a landfill like Gary Bonvillain used to



1 manage, with a reputation like it has, we  
2 can't give him a conditional. He has got  
3 to have some experience.

4 MR. BONVILLAIN:

5 Actually, he has met the requirements  
6 for a conditional. He is replacing a  
7 regularly certified operator.

8 MR. BARBER:

9 Well, I understand that.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 And I will tell you this, I've talked  
12 to Mr. LeBouef several times, and there is  
13 no grass growing under his feet. He has  
14 already taken quite a few steps to improve  
15 the operations, and he is learning by  
16 leaps and bounds on what he has to do, and  
17 I keep an eye on him myself.

18 MR. BARBER:

19 Well -- and, I mean, I still think,  
20 you know, I understand replacing, and that  
21 is -- to me that should be the only way  
22 you can give a conditional, but on the A  
23 Level, managing a facility like that --  
24 and I understand you and I -- you know I  
25 respect you, Gary.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MR. BARBER:

And I respect your opinion, and the fact that you are keeping an eye on him, but I'm sitting over there in Washington Parish. I don't know what this guy is doing.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. No, I understand that.

MR. BARBER:

His paperwork tells me he does not have the experience.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. But, again, the only requirement of the regulations to get a conditional is that you are replacing a regularly certified operator, which he is doing.

MR. BARBER:

And, I agree with that. And this Board probably should take a step to eliminate the A Level conditional, period. And, I know that don't have anything to do with this.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MR. BARBER:

But we probably should, just because this guy may be all right. You say he is, I'm -- I totally respect that, but for my part, I don't know.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah. And I understand.

MR. BARBER:

And I'm on this Board to know that who I'm putting in a position and raising my hand to vote for is qualified and capable of taking the ball and running with it and representing every resident of this state, and I don't feel it for that one, so -- but I'm assuming most of you will, so we'll move forward and I'll vote against him.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Mr. Lagrange?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Just another point of information, Suzanne says that he did pass the exam. He did take the A test and passed it.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve the conditional for Mr. Richard LeBouef?

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Legrange.

MS. HENRY:

I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Ms. Henry.

Let's have a role call vote on this one. Ms. Bordelon?

MS. BORDELON:

Yes?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

We have a role call vote.

MS. BORDELON:

Okay.

Connie Henry?

MS. HENRY:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton?

MR. HYLTON:

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Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Wes Wyche?

MR. WYCHE:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Jason Creel.

MR. CREEL:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

David Greene?

MR. GREENE:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Troy Barber?

MR. BARBER:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Ricardo de Abreu?

DR. de ABREU:

Yes.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Bo Lagrange?

MS. BORDELON:

Yes.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. So that -- five to four --  
five to three.

MS. BORDELON:

No, we had --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Five yays, three nays.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. The motion passes.

Okay. Next up, Mr. Kevin Celestine.

MR. BARBER:

This is another one from St. Landry.  
Did that just kind of clean house over  
there? Every retired at one time? What  
happened?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Basically, they had a whole bunch of  
retirements at one time -- within a year's  
time.

MR. BARBER:

And, you know, I'm gonna get back on



1 my soapbox just a little bit about these  
2 facilities. And I totally respect  
3 St. Landry Landfill way back to when you  
4 manage it yourself, Gary. And just the  
5 way that it's managed, with the commission  
6 and everything, I have a great, great  
7 respect for it, but didn't these -- this  
8 management realize that these people were  
9 going to retire, and start bringing people  
10 along behind them that could take their  
11 place, step into that position --

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 They --

14 MR. BARBER:

15 -- as a qualified -- not come to us  
16 and ask us to help them with these  
17 conditionals.

18 MR. BONVILLAIN:

19 Yeah, they do have -- and I don't  
20 know what the number is -- but they do  
21 have regularly certified operators besides  
22 these. I don't know the numbers are right  
23 now, because there's a lot of them that --  
24 of those individuals I don't know, but  
25 these are not the only certified operators

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1 that they're going to have on-site. They  
2 do have regularly certified operators that  
3 have met their experience requirement.

4 MR. LAGRANGE:

5 And I think, as Gary said before, the  
6 management knew there was a provision in  
7 the regs that allowed them, these new  
8 employees, to get a conditional if they're  
9 replacing someone, so maybe because they  
10 knew that that's why they didn't say,  
11 Well, we've got to get people.

12 DR. de ABREU:

13 Uh-huh (yes).

14 MR. BARBER:

15 More reason we need to move away  
16 from --

17 MR. LAGRANGE:

18 Well, I'm just saying that's probably  
19 why the crew isn't questioning the  
20 management and why they didn't kind of  
21 plan ahead --

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 Also, what happened --

24 MR. LAGRANGE:

25 -- but if they knew they had this in



1                   their pocket, they didn't need to do that.  
2                   DR. de ABREU:  
3                   Right.  
4                   MR. BONVILLAIN:  
5                   The director that had succeeded me  
6                   died about two years ago, two and half  
7                   years ago, and so one of the longtime  
8                   employees was appointed as the director,  
9                   basically as a caretaker position, because  
10                  he was ready to retire himself --  
11                  MR. BARBER:  
12                  Uh-huh (yes).  
13                  MR. BONVILLAIN:  
14                  -- until they brought in somebody  
15                  else that would be able to take it over.  
16                  And these retirements -- most -- well,  
17                  actually all of these retirements happened  
18                  during the caretaker's reign, if you will.  
19                  MR. BARBER:  
20                  Okay. All right. I'm good.  
21                  MR. BONVILLAIN:  
22                  Okay. Do I hear a motion to approve  
23                  Mr. Kevin Celestine's conditional?  
24                  MR. CREEL:  
25                  So moved.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Creel.

MR. CREEL:

Yep.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by who?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Oh, by Mr. Greene.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Oh, he did?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah. I just didn't know who it was who yelled it out. Any objection to the motion?

Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. We've got another one from St. Landry for Mr. Dalton Carter who is replacing Alex Papillion.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Lagrange.

MS. HENRY:

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I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Ms. Henry.

Any discussion?

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing --

MS. BORDELON:

And look who we have here.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Do what?

MS. BORDELON:

Trahan's back.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Motion passes.

Next up, we have Arthur Trahan.

MR. BARBER:

I've got a question on him. He's not replacing anybody. And, Suzanne, do you know how many certified operators they have at this site?

MS. BORDELON:

They have -- hold on. Give me a second.

I believe they just have Sean Day --

MR. LAGRANGE:

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Titus.

MS. BORDELON:

-- and the owner and Titus, who has a conditional. Yeah, just two.

MR. LAGRANGE:

And that's two Bs?

MS. BORDELON:

No. One A and one B.

MR. LAGRANGE:

An A and a B.

MR. WYCHE:

Is there any -- are there reasons for granting a conditional other than replacing?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

If, in the opinion of the Board, the individual has some type of experience where it not necessarily meets everything according to the normal regulations, but you feel that experience is sufficient, that you could grant him a conditional, particularly if the site is short of certified operators. And that's a decision based strictly on what the Board wants to do. Okay. He does not meet an

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1 automatic conditional qualification. So,  
2 this is like Mr. Barber says, look at his  
3 experience and whether or not you think he  
4 should be granted a conditional.

5 MR. BARBER:

6 I mean, he's been there two months --  
7 three months, and before that he worked  
8 for Wilson Construction doing a little  
9 dozer work, bobcat work, with some  
10 excavator.

11 MR. LAGRANGE:

12 I see the comment. Evidently, it was  
13 a -- they had a C & D, Trahans had a C & D  
14 in New Iberia -- in Iberia Parish.

15 MR. BONVILLAIN:

16 Right.

17 MR. LAGRANGE:

18 And according to this e-mail,  
19 evidently, Mr. Trahan was part of that  
20 family, as they said, as a young kid he  
21 grew up at that facility that is family  
22 operated.

23 MR. BONVILLAIN:

24 Well, see, but on his actual  
25 experience, he doesn't list that he worked

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at that facility.

MS. HENRY:

Uh-huh (yes).

DR. de ABREU:

And I think they give just why they need him as a conditional, I mean, when you have a conditional if the facility wants to tell, We are short of people here, and we need to have one more person, they can get them.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Just to clarify, Suzanne, they have two regular certified operators and one conditionally certified?

MS. BORDELON:

No, I think it's just the one, the one regular and the conditional.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Titus is the conditional?

MS. BORDELON:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Anybody like to make a motion in either direction?

MR. LAGRANGE:



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And I see they scheduled testing for both of them. Did they test, Suzanne?

MR. WYCHE:

What is the downside to him --

MS. BORDELON:

Yes.

MR. WYCHE:

-- not getting a conditional?

MS. BORDELON:

Titus -- I mean, Trahan did, Titus didn't.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

In the -- the regulations require that, yeah, while you're actually operating, you have to have at least one Level B on-site. And if you only have two employees, say one gets sick, then the other one is stuck. He can't take any time off at all. This is the reason that I think that they are requesting it.

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

He doesn't specifically say that, but that's normally the situation.



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MR. LAGRANGE:

Mr. Chairman, I -- Suzanne indicates Mr. Trahan did take the test and passed it, although we said, you know, that's not the -- you know, the final blessings, so to speak for getting a certification, but, you know, considering what we're looking at here and that he passed the exam, I'd like to move to grant the conditional.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We have a motion from Mr. Lagrange to grant the conditional for Arthur Trahan. Is there a second to the motion.

MR. WYCHE:

I'll second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Wyche. Let's have a role call vote on that one, please.

MS. BORDELON:

Okay. Connie Henry?

MS. HENRY:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton?



1                   MR. HYLTON:  
2                   No.  
3                   MS. BORDELON:  
4                   Wes Wyche?  
5                   MR. WYCHE:  
6                   Yes.  
7                   MS. BORDELON:  
8                   Jason Creel?  
9                   MR. CREEL:  
10                  Yes.  
11                  MS. BORDELON:  
12                  David Greene?  
13                  MR. GREENE:  
14                  No.  
15                  MS. BORDELON:  
16                  Troy Barber?  
17                  MR. BARBER:  
18                  No.  
19                  MS. BORDELON:  
20                  Ricardo de Abreu?  
21                  DR. de ABREU:  
22                  No.  
23                  MR. BONVILLAIN:  
24                  Bo Lagrange?  
25                  MR. LAGRANGE:



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Yes.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Motion fails, six to two.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Five to three. Had three yays.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

You, you, and --

MR. LAGRANGE:

And Jason.

MS. HENRY:

Jason.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Oh, okay. And Jason. Okay. I'm sorry. Five to three. Motion fails.

MR. BARBER:

What I would like to do is ask this guy to come back to the Board. I personally would like to -- for him to come in and meet with us. I would like to know what he knows from growing up in a C & D landfill. You know, you can write anything you want to on paper. And so, if he wants to do that in July, I would certainly entertain it, but, you know, under the condition that, you know, I go

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with my decision, so.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah.

MR. BARBER:

If we want to, you know, maybe want to contact him and ask him to attend the next Board meeting and --

DR. de ABREU:

I think we just need some more information about him, that's my -- or why the facility needs to have another one.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

DR. de ABREU:

He is not clear here.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

DR. de ABREU:

And I don't want to make a decision.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Can you send a letter out?

MS. BORDELON:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Good. Ms. Bordelon will take care of

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sending a letter out.

MR. GREENE:

Are we sending a letter out to have him show up or just supply more information? I'm just concerned you're setting a precedent of having everybody have to come up here. I mean, we've agreed --

MR. BARBER:

No, not necessarily.

MR. HYLTON:

We don't want to do personal interviews. We go by the --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Exactly.

MR. GREENE:

I think if he clarifies his training, because everything I've approved has been on writing.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. And clarify the need --

MR. GREENE:

Correct. Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- for the facility to have him.

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DR. de ABREU:

For the facility to have him.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Next up is James Dickerson. He's coming under Transfer Station, Level A. Again, this is one of those facilities that's kind of in the air, and we're trying to plug them into our testing situation.

MR. BARBER:

The note I put on mine is this -- the Board's not -- it's not the Board's job to help these facilities meet compliance. You know, I'm sorry, but that's not what we're here for. It's our job to make sure that we're putting qualified people in these positions, and if they are coming asking us for all of these conditional certifications, it's telling me they don't have qualified people. And this particular one looks like he has been there since October.

MR. LAGRANGE:

The -- if you read those two letters, the first letter from CK Associates, which

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1 I assume is their consultant working on  
2 their permit renewal or their permit, they  
3 indicate they're asking for an exemption  
4 from their permit to have certified  
5 operators because they never previously  
6 had to have them.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 Right.

9 MR. LAGRANGE:

10 And then they indicate that --  
11 Dickerson says that the permit writer  
12 responded they would be required to have  
13 certified operators. So, they never had  
14 them before, so -- and they've been  
15 operating. And now they were told they  
16 had to get a DEQ permit.

17 MR. WYCHE:

18 A tough set of circumstances for the  
19 company.

20 MR. LAGRANGE:

21 Right. So, that's kind of the  
22 situation that, it wasn't necessarily they  
23 failed to be proactive in making sure they  
24 had certified operators, it was something  
25 where they got caught in their permit



1 renewal or a new permit. You know, that's  
2 what I read in it.

3 DR. de ABREU:

4 So, the reason is because they -- I  
5 mean, they include a new process in  
6 their -- I mean, they were a Transfer  
7 Station that didn't require, now they  
8 require to have certification? Is that --  
9 is that the reason?

10 MS. TOWNSEL:

11 I don't think they were aware that  
12 they needed to have it and they've been  
13 operating all this time. So, when it's  
14 time for the permit renewal to come up,  
15 and they go through this, and they get  
16 the, you know, deed saying that you need  
17 this. Now they're like, okay, so that's  
18 the situation there.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Is this a new facility --

21 MS. TOWNSEL:

22 No.

23 MR. BONVILLAIN:

24 -- or a renewal?

25 MS. TOWNSEL:

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This is a renewal.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. So, they've been operating all these years without having been required to have a certified operator?

MS. TOWNSEL:

From my understanding. Not having -- not that they didn't -- they weren't required. I think that our testing -- and that was one thing I wanted to bring up at, you know, a little later today, the testing that we require for the type II As are either incinerator or transfer stations. They're neither. But they're like, which one are we closer to?

Because it is required in the regulations that type II A facilities have to have these operators. So, I told them the closest that you have is the Transfer Station. So, now they're trying to come into compliance in that way?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Exactly what kind of facility is it?

MR. CREEL:



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That was my question.

MS. TOWNSEL:

I think they are like a grease trap processor, where they take the grease trap and separate the solids from the green -- green -- brown grease, yellow grease, that type of thing, take whatever is usable, dispose whatever is not. So, it's like the testing that we have for it right now doesn't fall into either one. So, I would --

MR. LAGRANGE:

If you read on here it says that they receive grease trap waste, treat and process the material, discharge the clean and treated water to the City of Kenner, send the grease waste to the solidification disposal sites.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. So -- and this is a renewal. It's not a new permit?

MS. TOWNSEL:

No, it's not new.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

So they've got operators that have



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been working there, don't they?

MS. TOWNSEL:

I'm not certain what they have. They do have operators. I'm not sure exactly what they have on their staff right now, but it must not be what we're asking the normal type II A facilities to have.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Well, I think what Gary's getting to is they've had a permit and they're supposed to have operators, why DEQ has never forced it on them in the past. Is that your question, Gary?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Well, not only that, but what I'm saying is, if they've been operating all these years they should have people on staff that would meet the experience requirements.

MR. BARBER:

It would seem like.

MS. TOWNSEL:

They should. And I think that they didn't think that they needed it, and I'm not sure if no one's gone out there since

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1 then and has noticed it. I'm not certain  
2 what's transpired between then and there.

3 DR. de ABREU:

4 Okay. But I have a question. Why  
5 they are being required to be on type II A  
6 Transfer Station, because clearly they  
7 don't -- they are not a Transfer Station  
8 to me.

9 MR. BONVILLAIN:

10 Correct.

11 DR. de ABREU:

12 And the regulations don't require  
13 type II A processing to have a certified  
14 operator. They ask for type II A  
15 facilities -- incinerator, waste  
16 facility -- refuse derived fuel  
17 facilities, and Transfer Stations. So, to  
18 me it doesn't require to have an operator.  
19 That's my take on that.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 And I think -- and I kind of agree  
22 with you, but I think what happened is  
23 that the permit writer at DEQ said, You  
24 will have to have certified operators.  
25 Even though it doesn't fit into the

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category of the areas that we certify.

MR. GREENE:

That's what the -- both the letters state.

MR. WYCHE:

What kind of permit do they have now?

DR. de ABREU:

So, to me, what good is going to have him to -- them to have a type II A Transfer Station if they don't do that?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

I agree with you.

MS. TOWNSEL:

The thing is, the way the regulations are written right now it says type II A permitted facilities need to have certified operators. It doesn't say "if you're an incinerator," "if you're a Transfer Station," "and you don't have to have one if you are a grease trap operator."

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MS. TOWNSEL:

So, the regulations need to be



1 clarified or we need to come up with a  
2 test specifically for grease trap  
3 facilities.

4 MR. GREENE:

5 Well, you've got two issues here.  
6 You've got one that the DEQ is telling  
7 them on April 9th of 2018 they have one  
8 year. So, there just trying to squeeze by  
9 that right now. So, that's one year.  
10 But, I mean, liquid environmental  
11 theirselves say that to get the type A on  
12 Title 46, a minimum of two years  
13 certification as an operator has been  
14 there, but then they expressly say that  
15 their people do not meet these  
16 requirements.

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 That's what -- the part to me that's  
19 confusing is that -- and first off, it  
20 takes three years not two for a Level A --  
21 but if they've got operators that have  
22 been operating at the facility, it seems  
23 like they would have somebody that's been  
24 there that would have the experience that  
25 could apply for a certificate.

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MR. GREENE:

Well, they even state theirsself that none of their operators meet the qualifications.

MS. TOWNSEL:

The operators that they have there now are specific for their grease trap operations. The test that we have right now are specific for either Incinerator or Transfer Station.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MS. TOWNSEL:

So, that's probably why they say that the ones they have don't qualify.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

But see, what we're looking at right now is experience.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Regardless of what test --

MS. TOWNSEL:

Right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:



1                   -- they're going to end up taking.  
2                   And if they've been operating this  
3                   facility, unless they have a high  
4                   turnover, I would think that they should  
5                   have some operators on site that would  
6                   have the necessary experience to where  
7                   they could qualify for a regular  
8                   certificate, rather than asking for a  
9                   conditional.

10                  MR. CREEL:

11                         They also have two facilities in our  
12                         state. Has anybody checked into that?

13                         They have about 30 facilities  
14                         nationwide, and they have one in  
15                         Shreveport and one in Kenner.

16                  MR. WYCHE:

17                         Lake Charles, too.

18                  MR. CREEL:

19                         Here in the state of Louisiana.

20                  MR. WYCHE:

21                         Nevermind.

22                  MR. CREEL:

23                         So, I didn't know if they had  
24                         operators at another site. I was just  
25                         looking online on what they actually do.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. So, they do have two other facilities in the state?

MR. CREEL:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. GREENE:

They have one in Shreveport.

MR. CREEL:

They have one in Shreveport. One in Shreveport, one in Kenner. And they do have -- I think I counted 32 or 33 across the nation. They're headquartered out of California.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Suzanne, do you know if they have certified operators at the Shreveport facility?

MS. BORDELON:

No, I don't. I don't think they do, so.

MR. GREENE:

Because this gentleman's only been there since October of '18.

MR. CREEL:

Right.



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MR. GREENE:

And it's not showing -- well, of course, his next job is -- well, he's an oil field chemical distributor, but they're just not giving us a whole lot to go on --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Has he --

MR. GREENE:

-- to approve it, in my opinion.

MR. CREEL:

For a Transfer Station.

MR. GREENE:

Correct.

MR. HYLTON:

Well, look at the definition of II A, though. It says -- if I can find it -- facility used for processing residential, infectious, or commercial waste. And in parentheses it defines a little better, but that's what they do. They process waste. And so they should have a II A permit, and they should have II A operators.

DR. de ABREU:



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Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BARBER:

I'm going to offer a motion we deny this application.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We have a motion from Mr. Barber to deny the request for conditional for James Dickerson with Liquid Environmental Solutions.

Is there a second to the motion?

MR. HYLTON:

(indicating)

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Hylton.

Okay. Any further discussion?

Okay. We'll go ahead and have a roll call vote again.

MS. BORDELON:

Okay. Connie Henry?

MS. HENRY:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton?

MR. HYLTON:

No.



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MS. BORDELON:

Wes Wyche?

MR. WYCHE:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Jason Creel?

MR. CREEL:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

David Greene?

MR. GREENE:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Troy Barber?

MR. BARBER:

Are we 'no'ing to the motion?

MS. HENRY:

No.

MR. LAGRANGE:

No, I think --

MR. GREENE:

It's the approval.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Let's start over and clarify.

MR. LAGRANGE:



1                   No, you're voting against his motion.

2                   MR. BONVILLAIN:

3                   Let's start over and clarify to make  
4                   sure everybody's on the same page. The  
5                   motion is to deny. If you're voting yes  
6                   then you're voting against the motion,  
7                   you're not voting against the conditional.

8                   MR. LAGRANGE:

9                   No, wait wait wait. If you vote --  
10                  it's the other way around.

11                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

12                  You're voting against -- if you vote  
13                  no, you're voting -- you're not voting  
14                  against the conditional, you're voting  
15                  against the motion, because the motion is  
16                  to deny.

17                  MR. LAGRANGE:

18                  All right.

19                  MR. CREEL:

20                  Yes. Okay.

21                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

22                  So, if you want to deny it, you have  
23                  to vote yes on the motion.

24                  MR. WYCHE:

25                  So, we should probably start over.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

We're going to start over. Just to make sure everybody's clear. Okay. So, if you want to deny the request, you vote yes. Okay. Ms. Bordelon.

MS. BORDELON:

Okay. Connie Henry?

MS. HENRY:

No.

MS. BORDELON:

Danny Hylton?

MR. HYLTON:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Wes Wyche?

MR. WYCHE:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Jason Creel?

MR. CREEL:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

David Greene?

MR. GREENE:

Yes.

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MS. BORDELON:

Troy Barber?

MR. BARBER:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Ricardo de Abreu?

DR. de ABREU:

Yes.

MS. BORDELON:

Bo Lagrange?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Yes.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Motion passes, eight to --  
seven to one to deny the request for a  
conditional on James Dickerson.

MR. GREENE:

I got -- I've just got one question  
so the Board is not -- I'm not meaning  
liable or -- but, I totally agree with  
what we did, but it seems like the DEQ is  
putting Liquid Environmental Solutions in  
a very --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Precarious.



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MR. GREENE:

-- precarious decision (sic), and I just don't like us having to enforce the DEQ -- I mean, I want to follow DEQ's rules and regs to the max, but this is something they're throwing on us that could potentially shut them down.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. GREENE:

Or get them fined.

MR. HYLTON:

Yeah. Right.

MS. HENRY:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. GREENE:

But, I mean, in good conscience, we did what we -- from what we're given, but where does that place us --

MR. BARBER:

But listen --

MR. GREENE:

-- in the grand scheme? We just don't worry about it?

MR. BARBER:



1 I've been on this Board 13 years. It  
2 has never one time crossed my mind to do  
3 anything but make sure that these  
4 operators are qualified. That's our job.

5 MR. GREENE:

6 Uh-huh (yes). I agree with that.

7 MR. BARBER:

8 If it causes a facility to shut down,  
9 that is not on us.

10 MR. GREENE:

11 Well, that's -- that was what I'm  
12 trying to clarify.

13 MR. BARBER:

14 It's not on us.

15 MR. BONVILLAIN:

16 It --

17 MR. BARBER:

18 We just need to do our job and make  
19 sure that they meet the qualifications.

20 MR. BONVILLAIN:

21 And it's not the Board's  
22 responsibility to provide certified  
23 operators.

24 MR. GREENE:

25 Correct. And that's what I'm getting

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at.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Now, also --

MR. GREENE:

But it just seems like the DEQ is throwing this back on the Board; is that not correct?

MS. TOWNSEL:

No. We're not throwing it on the Board at all.

MR. GREENE:

Okay.

MS. TOWNSEL:

We're letting them know, according to the regulations, type II A facilities need to have certified operators, period.

MR. GREENE:

So, you enforce this afterwards?

MS. TOWNSEL:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. WYCHE:

What seems strange to me is this company, I'm guessing, may very well have a lot of employees that are very experienced at processing grease trap

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1 waste. So, they may be very experienced  
2 in doing what they do and what they're --

3 MR. BONVILLAIN:

4 And that was my point all along, is  
5 that I feel they probably have operators  
6 that have the necessary experience to  
7 operate that facility.

8 MR. WYCHE:

9 To do what they do.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 But that's not what -- that's what I  
12 was asking for. He's just been there a  
13 short time.

14 MR. HYLTON:

15 Just get someone else to apply within  
16 the company.

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 That's -- that was my point exactly.  
19 Another point, Ms. Townsel, I think we  
20 need to go ahead and draw up another test  
21 for processing facilities --

22 MS. TOWNSEL:

23 Yes.

24 MR. BONVILLAIN:

25 -- II A processing facilities.

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MS. TOWNSEL:

Yes. I agree. How can we get that started?

DR. de ABREU:

Then we revise the regulations.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Well, the regulations --

DR. de ABREU:

It says for type II A facilities. It doesn't include processing.

MR. HYLTON:

Yes, it does.

MS. TOWNSEL:

That was written a long time ago. Maybe we can amend those.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

On the testing -- on the certification regulations, correct.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Maybe we can amend the current guidelines that we have to include that type of testing for type II A facilities.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. Yeah. We'll have to amend the regs -- have to get the regs amended.



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You will spearhead that for us?

MS. TOWNSEL:

Certainly.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. If you need any help, yell at Mr. Lagrange and Dr. de Abreu. Okay. That was Dickerson.

Next we have Steven Wayne Gomez. Again, this is -- let's see what his experience -- this is with Liquid Environmental, also. He's requesting a Level B, but he's been employed there since February of '16 to the present, so he's got three years of experience. That would qualify for regular A.

MR. GREENE:

And this is at the same facility.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Same facility.

MR. GREENE:

Yeah. And that would put them in compliance with the DEQ --

MS. TOWNSEL:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. GREENE:



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-- and all of us.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Depends if he took an exam, though.

MR. GREENE:

Yeah. If he had, right.

MR. CREEL:

Upon completion of the test, if he passed it.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

They have not applied to test, have they?

MS. BORDELON:

All three tested, and this is the one that -- of the three that did not pass the test.

MR. BARBER:

You have to be kidding.

MS. TOWNSEL:

Great.

MR. GREENE:

I'm trying to help them out.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

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MR. GREENE:

You're killing me, Smalls.

MR. CREEL:

That's right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Testing aside for right now, would anybody like to make a motion to approve --

MR. CREEL:

I don't even know --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- the application for a regular certification. This is just --

MR. BARBER:

Upon passing --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- approving the application --

MR. BARBER:

Yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- no, no. You're approving the application. He's got to pass the test to get certified.

MR. BARBER:

Uh-huh (yes).

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MR. GREENE:

Well, I'll make a motion to approve  
the application.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. Okay. Motion by Mr. Green to  
approve the application.

MR. LAGRANGE:

For?

MR. BARBER:

As a regular?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

For a regular certification --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Level?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Level A.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay. He applied for B, but since --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Well, he's got the experience to  
go --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay. Just making --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- for Level A. The Board is trying

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1 to help them out as much as we can within  
2 the guidelines, the regulations. Okay.  
3 We have a motion by Mr. Greene.

4 Is there a second?

5 MR. CREEL:

6 Second.

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 Second by Mr. Creel that Steven  
9 Gomez's application for a regular Level A  
10 certification be approved.

11 Any objection to the motion?

12 Okay. Hearing none, the motion  
13 passes.

14 Okay. The next one is Dustin  
15 McClendon with Level B, Liquid  
16 Environmental Solutions. And I think  
17 we're --

18 MR. BARBER:

19 I'm not seeing the experience.

20 DR. de ABREU:

21 Uh-huh (yes). It's the same thing.

22 MR. GREENE:

23 He's the same as the first one.

24 MR. BARBER:

25 I offer a motion we deny it.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. A motion by Mr. Barber to deny the conditional request for Mr. Dustin McClendon. Is there a second to the motion?

DR. de ABREU:

I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Dr. de Abreu. Any discussion?

Is there any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Next up, Milton Betton, Incinerator, Level B, Stericycle.

MR. BARBER:

And, you know, this is a classic example of the Board going way beyond their limits and duties to try to help a facility to meet their certifications, and here we are probably five years later.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

It's a different facility.

MS. BORDELON:

It's still Stericycle, but it's a



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different location.

MR. BARBER:

It's still Stericycle, and they're in the state.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

It's still Stericycle, but it's a different facility. All you have to do is make a motion to deny.

MR. BARBER:

I offer a motion we deny it.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. A motion by Mr. Barber to deny the conditional request for Milton Betton. Is there a second to the motion?

MR. WYCHE:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Mr. Wyche. Any discussion?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Yeah, Mr. Chairman. In the letter, they list one Level A and four Level B operators currently at this facility.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Correct.

MR. LAGRANGE:



1                   So, I'm just wondering, you know --  
2           MS. HENRY:  
3                   Why?  
4           MR. LAGRANGE:  
5                   -- and these -- are all of these  
6           conditional certifications or regular  
7           certifications?  
8           MR. BONVILLAIN:  
9                   I would assume they're regular.  
10          MS. BORDELON:  
11                   Yeah, I think these are all regulars.  
12          MR. BONVILLAIN:  
13                   Yeah.  
14          MR. LAGRANGE:  
15                   Okay. I just wanted to --  
16          MR. BONVILLAIN:  
17                   Okay. Is there any objection to the  
18          motion to deny the request for  
19          conditional?  
20                   Okay. Hearing none, the motion  
21          passes.  
22                   Okay. Jamar Grant, Incinerator,  
23          Level B, Stericycle.  
24          MR. LAGRANGE:  
25                   I moved to deny.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. A motion by Mr. Lagrange to deny the request.

MR. BARBER:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Barber.

MS. HENRY:

Taking up for Troy.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Any discussion?

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Next up William Noegel, I guess that's pronounced, Landfill, Level B, Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

MR. BARBER:

Do we know the history on why they're needing a conditional here?

MR. WYCHE:

His -- the cover letter.

DR. de ABREU:

Here's the cover letter.

MR. BARBER:



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Well, but I mean --

DR. de ABREU:

Is he replacing anyone?

MS. BORDELON:

No.

DR. de ABREU:

He doesn't say anything here.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

It appears to be that, you know, he's basically the supervisor, being the Public Work Director. And it seems like he would like a certification since the people under him have to be certified. To me, that's what it boils down to.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Well, he says his Police Jury asked him to get it -- in his cover letter.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah. But, you know, consider the experience and you may want to consider issuing a regular or approving a regular application.

MR. BARBER:



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Well --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

That's entirely up to the Board.

MR. BARBER:

I think I would rather do that than I had -- and then him -- has he tested, Suzanne?

MS. BORDELON:

This is -- yes, he passed.

MR. BARBER:

He passed?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Level B?

MS. BORDELON:

Yes.

MR. WYCHE:

He himself says he doesn't have the experience, but maybe we can disagree with that.

MR. BARBER:

Well, I mean, am I missing -- am I missing something? I mean, I know he has been with that -- with the parish since 2004, which is 15 years.

MR. CREEL:



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He supervised the solid waste supervisor as Director of Public Works.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, basically as Director of Public Works, the landfill fell under him.

DR. de ABREU:

Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HENRY:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

He was the overall supervisor.

MR. BARBER:

And he's asking for conditional B, so I think he qualifies for a regular B.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move --

MR. GREENE:

I second.

MR. LAGRANGE:

-- we approve the application for a regular certificate, Level B.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MR. HYLTON:

I second.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Motion by Mr. Lagrange, seconded by Ms. Henry that we approve Mr. Noegel's application as a regular application, Level B.

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Conditional extension requests.

Jeddie Bankston, C & D, Level B, 108 Disposal. Brandon Murray, C & D, Level B, 108 Disposal. Keith Daigle, C & D, Level A, 108 Disposal. David Woodson, Landfill, Level B, St. Landry Parish Landfill. Russell Schilling, Landfill, B, Landworks, Inc.

All the individuals have done their required testing and training?

MS. BORDELON:

Yes.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I move to grant the extensions to the



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conditionals.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. A motion by Mr. Lagrange to grant the above named conditional extension requests.

Is there a second?

DR. de ABREU:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Second by Dr. de Abreu. Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Next we have a -- review a request from David O'Mary for certification by reciprocity.

MR. BARBER:

He's got a MOLO certification, and historically the Board has always honored the MOLO, certification which is certified by the --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

SWANA.

MR. BARBER:

-- SWANA. And I know, personally

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1 know that you've got to be on top of your  
2 game to pass that MOLO, and so I'm going  
3 over a motion that we accept him by  
4 reciprocity.

5 MR. BONVILLAIN:

6 Okay. A motion by Mr. Barber. Is  
7 there a second?

8 MR. CREEL:

9 Second.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 Seconded by Mr. Creel that we approve  
12 Mr. O'Mary's reciprocity request. Any  
13 objection to the motion?

14 MR. LAGRANGE:

15 What about discussion?

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 Okay. Well, let's have some  
18 discussion.

19 MR. LAGRANGE:

20 Just a question. I -- in reading it,  
21 reciprocity, I thought, was from a  
22 licensed operator from another state, but  
23 in this case this is just he's got a MOLO  
24 certification, but it doesn't say -- where  
25 is he requesting the reciprocity from?

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Where is he licensed? In what state?

DR. de ABREU:

Tennessee.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Okay. That's what I wanted to know.  
It's Tennessee. Okay.

MR. GREENE:

He has a certificate in there from  
Tennessee.

DR. de ABREU:

Tennessee Department. I think  
that's --

MR. LAGRANGE:

We need to clarify that's -- what  
state he's certified in to request  
reciprocity from.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

And he has previously been a Level A  
operator in Louisiana, so obviously he  
meets all of the requirements. The only  
question is whether or not he's going to  
be required to test. If you approve the  
reciprocity, he doesn't have to test.

Okay. Is there any objection to the  
motion?



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Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Issuance of operator certificates. Ms. Bordelon could you call out the list?

MS. BORDELON:

Yes.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Excuse me. About recertification?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Oh, right.

MR. LAGRANGE:

It's on the agenda. I don't know if we have any.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. It's a certification. I'm sorry. Okay. I'm glad somebody's keeping me straight this morning.

MS. HENRY:

Bo ate his Wheaties.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We have recertification applications. Terry Arabie, Landfill, Level A, Lafourche Paris Government. Gary Bonvillain, Level A, Landfill, Surface

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2 Refuse-Derived Fuel Facility, Transfer  
3 Station, C & D, Composting, and  
4 Separation. Shannon McElwee, Landfill,  
5 Level B, Republic Services. Philip  
6 Parsons, Landfill, Level A, Acadia Parish  
7 Landfill. Chris Schamerhorn, C & D, Level  
8 A, Schamerhorn, Inc. And Justin Seals,  
9 Landfill, Level A, Woodside Landfill.

10 MS. BORDELON:

11 I have one more to add to that list  
12 that I failed to add. And that's Daniel  
13 Thomas, Landfill, Level A.

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 Okay. And all of these individuals  
16 have met the training requirements?

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 Yes.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Daniel who? Thomas?

21 MS. BORDELON:

22 Uh-huh (yes). He's with Picket  
23 Industries.

24 MR. BONVILLAIN:

25 Do I hear a motion to approve the

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recertification applications?

MR. BARBER:

So moved.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Barber.

DR. de ABREU:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Dr. de Abreu. Any discussion?

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. We have two incomplete recertifications, Mr. Donald Colona, Landfill, Level A, Tangipahoa Parish. And he is attending, because he was given an award yesterday, so.

Gary Jackson, C & D, Level A, Natchitoches Parish. Is he attending?

MS. HENRY:

Yes.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yes? Okay.

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applications upon submittal of their hours  
for this session here?

MR. BARBER:

So moved.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Barber.

MR. WYCHE:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Wyche.

MR. WYCHE:

Yeah.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah. Okay. Any discussion?

Any objection to the motion?

Okay. Hearing none, the motion  
passes.

Now, we have the issuance of operator  
certificates.

MS. BORDELON:

Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Ms. Bordelon, could you read the  
list?

MS. BORDELON:



1 Yes. Joshua Bidleman, Landfill, Level  
2 B. Nicholas Boutte, Landfill, Level B.  
3 Ronald Christen, Landfill, Level B. Angel  
4 Darling, Landfill, Level B. Ronald  
5 Dartez, C & D, Level A. Erick Gomez,  
6 Incinerator, Level A. Cody Grissom,  
7 Landfill, Level A -- he was approved at a  
8 previous meeting. Tammy Lastrapes,  
9 Landfill, Level B. Richard Mayer,  
10 Landfill, Level A. Curtis Morrison  
11 Landfill, Level B. Seth Natali, C & D,  
12 Level B. Robert Read, Landfill, Level B.  
13 Christopher Smith, C & D, Level B. Nicole  
14 Soileau, Landfill, Level B. Hector  
15 Vasquez, Landfill, Level B. Desmond  
16 Washington, Landfill, Level B. Shaun  
17 Wyer, Landfill, Level B. Terry Dedon, all  
18 disciplines, Level A.

19 MR. BONVILLAIN:

20 Okay. Do I hear a motion to move  
21 issuance of certificates?

22 MS. HENRY:

23 So moved.

24 MR. BONVILLAIN:

25 Moved by Ms. Henry.

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MR. LAGRANGE:

Second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Lagrange. Any discussion?

Any objection to the motion?

Hearing none, the motion passes.

Okay. Committee reports.

Awards, Mr. Hilton?

MR. BARBER:

Mr. Chairman?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yes.

MR. BARBER:

Before we get to that, I had -- I received a thing from Suzanne on some hours that -- I can't pronounce this guy's name --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Hieu Truong?

MS. BORDELON:

It's on the agenda.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

It's further down on the agenda.

MR. BARBER:



1                   Okay. Nevermind.

2                   MR. BONVILLAIN:

3                   Well, I'm glad somebody else has  
4 trouble reading the agenda this morning.

5                   Okay. Committee reports.

6                   Awards, Mr. Hylton?

7                   MR. HYLTON:

8                   Can one of these ladies help me out  
9 here?

10                  MS. BORDELON:

11                  Awards? No. We just need to verify  
12 the awards for -- at this conference.

13                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

14                  Okay. Yeah. You've got the names,  
15 because I'm scared I'm going to miss some  
16 of them.

17                  MS. BORDELON:

18                  Yeah, so we -- Tom Nicholson was the  
19 Bentley Mackey award recipient. Donny  
20 Colona was the Level A operator. And  
21 Christina Whitehead was the Level B. That  
22 everyone voted to issue.

23                  MR. BONVILLAIN:

24                  Okay. Could I hear a motion to  
25 accept the e-mail vote on those awards?

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MR. HYLTON:

I'll move.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Moved by Mr. Hylton.

MR. GREENE:

I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Greene. Any objection to the motion?

Hearing none, the motion passes.

Testing, Mr. Lagrange.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Wednesday we had 30 individuals test, and 27 passed of the 30. So, that was a pretty big group of testing.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Yeah, which is obvious from the applications.

Okay. Continuing education, Mr. Barber?

MR. BARBER:

Yes, sir. I'm on top of my game. We had 360 attendees at Lafayette, 650 exhibitors, attendees, and speakers



1 combined. And the upcoming trainings will  
2 be July 16th through 17th in Shreveport  
3 and October the eighth and ninth in Lake  
4 Charles.

5 MR. BONVILLAIN:

6 Very good.

7 Nominating, Ms. Henry?

8 MS. HENRY:

9 There are no nominations to report.

10 MR. BONVILLAIN:

11 Okay. Who comes off in October of  
12 this year?

13 MR. BARBER:

14 I do, for one.

15 MR. BONVILLAIN:

16 I believe I do, too.

17 MS. BORDELON:

18 Yeah.

19 Connie will need to renew her term.

20 Her term -- her first term ends.

21 MS. HENRY:

22 I thought you got my letter already.

23 MS. BORDELON:

24 Oh, yeah, we did.

25 MS. HENRY:

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Uh-huh (yes).

MS. BORDELON:

I sure did. Sorry. Maybe that's not my most updated list.

Oh, here it is. Yeah. Gary goes off and Troy goes off.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Troy, who --

MS. BORDELON:

And Danny will need to be -- Danny's first term ends.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Troy who are you appointed by? Municipal?

MR. BARBER:

LMA.

MS. BORDELON:

Yeah, LMA.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

LMA. Okay. So, we'll need to find a replacement for myself and for Troy. And I'm with the Associations. I'm appointed by the associations.

Okay. Other business requests from Hieu Truong to approve CEUs. You've got



1 it in your packet that was e-mailed to  
2 you.

3 MS. HENRY:

4 Eleven how many hours is he  
5 requesting?

6 MS. BORDELON:

7 I had -- personally, on the first --  
8 on one of them I think I counted, like,  
9 five and a half. So, I would think  
10 probably ten for both days would be --

11 MS. HENRY:

12 For solid waste? Is that what he's  
13 requesting? I don't know.

14 MR. BONVILLAIN:

15 Is he certified?

16 MS. BORDELON:

17 Yes.

18 MR. LAGRANGE:

19 Landform, Level A.

20 MS. BORDELON:

21 They're Landform.

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 Okay.

24 MS. HENRY:

25 Okay.

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Do I hear a motion to approve hours for Mr. Truong.

MR. LAGRANGE:

Moved to approve ten hours.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. A motion by Mr. Legrange to approve ten hours of CEUs for Mr. Truong. Is there a second for the motion?

MR. BARBER:

I second.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Seconded by Mr. Barber. Any discussion?

MR. LAGRANGE:

Yeah, I was wondering what that topic Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Analysis is about.

MR. GREENE:

I touched on this subject when we were in Lake Charles. It still concerns me, if we don't -- I mean, I understand the rules and the online and going elsewhere for your training, but how do we know that that training aligns with

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1 Louisiana DEQ and this Board's -- and  
2 that's what I brought up before. And  
3 there's just no way -- I'm just concerned  
4 that -- I don't understand why anybody  
5 wouldn't want to come to an LSWA/DEQ  
6 sponsored training, to get us to  
7 approve -- I just -- I mean, I looked  
8 these people up online, and, I mean, I  
9 don't have a clue what they were talking  
10 about. The biggest thing I could see for  
11 him was the analytical part.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 Uh-huh (yes).

14 MR. LAGRANGE:

15 Uh-huh (yes).

16 MR. GREENE:

17 But how does the analytical part with  
18 the t-clip, benzine, et cetera, if he's  
19 just learning, have to do -- now, I  
20 understand. I just want my concerns to be  
21 heard.

22 MR. BONVILLAIN:

23 Right.

24 MR. GREENE:

25 I think I would love to see a list of

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1 qualified outside sources that the DEQ is  
2 comfortable with.

3 MR. BONVILLAIN:

4 Well, it's not DEQ's prerogative.

5 MR. GREENE:

6 It's the Board?

7 MR. BONVILLAIN:

8 It's our -- it's the Board's  
9 prerogative that approves training.

10 MR. GREENE:

11 I would love to see that for our  
12 Board, then. If we have to recommend --  
13 and I totally understand other people.  
14 But we do, what three? Four classes a  
15 year.

16 MR. BONVILLAIN:

17 We do three.

18 MR. GREENE:

19 I just can't see why people wouldn't  
20 want to come here, that we all know that  
21 everybody is having the same level of  
22 training that we're voting on.

23 MR. BONVILLAIN:

24 Okay. Just historically, okay.  
25 SWANA courses we approve.

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MR. GREENE:

I understand that.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

You know, and I think everybody pretty much is in agreement that those courses are generally good courses. Other than that, it's on a case-by-case basis to look at the agenda and see if we feel that it falls in line with what they need. And particularly with, like, Landfarms and stuff, at our training sessions, we really don't offer them very much that's actually geared towards them. And it -- because it gets very difficult in a ten hour session when you try, particularly at the smaller session --

MR. GREENE:

Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- to try to maybe have a breakout session or something that's dedicated to that, because it's not a big number of them. And they probably feel more comfortable going to something that's actually geared toward what they do.

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MR. GREENE:

I can understand that explanation for this.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. For this, right.

MR. GREENE:

Yes.

MR. HYLTON:

Well, can we redefine it? As you said, not much for Landfarms, but, like you require hours or SWANAs for a Landfill, Level A, because we offer everything you need to know for that.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right. We do.

MR. LAGRANGE:

But I think the regulations provide -- does not specify where or how to get your CEUs --

DR. de ABREU:

Exactly.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Correct.

MR. LAGRANGE:

-- in the regulations. So, do we



1 have the authority or purview to establish  
2 our own guidelines as to what would be  
3 acceptable to the Board to grant CEUs for  
4 other type -- other trainings outside of  
5 what's provided through the association  
6 and DEQ? That would be a question that we  
7 would want to get answered, and then if  
8 so, then we would need to develop that and  
9 say these are approved sources or courses  
10 that we would accept -- you know, we would  
11 have to kind of establish that.

12 MR. BONVILLAIN:

13 Right. And, like I said,  
14 historically SWANA is approved.

15 MR. LAGRANGE:

16 Yeah.

17 MR. BONVILLAIN:

18 And I think that's the only one that  
19 going forward we approve ahead of time.  
20 You know, that -- you know, if it's a  
21 SWANA course we're going to approve it.  
22 Anything else we want to see the very  
23 specifics of it.

24 MS. HENRY:

25 Why aren't we asking -- in line with

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1           what David said, why are we requesting,  
2           like, before LSWA can even put on a  
3           workshop or put on a conference, they're  
4           presenting an agenda to be approved  
5           because, I mean, as a person who sends  
6           employees here, I wouldn't want to send  
7           them on an "Oh, I hope they get their ten  
8           hours."

9           Why aren't we requiring -- we as a  
10          Board -- asking, you know, before you go,  
11          get this approved.

12          MR. BONVILLAIN:

13          And if the Board wants to do that, I  
14          think it's within our purview. See, the  
15          Board is actually responsible for  
16          providing training.

17          MS. HENRY:

18          Because had you not said landfarm, I  
19          was kind of with Bo on, Well, what does  
20          this have to do with -- all the cannabis  
21          and stuff --

22          DR. de ABREU:

23                 Uh-huh (yes).

24          MS. HENRY:

25                 -- you know, I was like (indicating).

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

And, you know, if the Board wants to go ahead and pass a resolution that anything not -- that any outside training has to be approved by the Board before the individual goes to it otherwise it won't be approved, then, of course, we'd have to send notice out to all of the facilities about that.

MR. GREENE:

Yeah, I didn't want to reinvent the wheel, but it's just a concern of mine since I'm new or started last year.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay.

MR. GREENE:

I just -- we had some online courses that were brought up, and I was just -- I was just taken aback. I didn't really understand --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Why don't we do this? Let's not take any action on it at this meeting.

MR. GREENE:

That's fine.



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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Everybody think about it and then we'll bring it up -- Suzanne, if you would, put it on the agenda for the July meeting that we can talk about it some more. Everybody can think about it, and then if at that point you want to make -- take any action on it, you can.

MR. GREENE:

I feel much better about him going to a class than I was the online stuff.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Right.

MR. GREENE:

You know, that really just -- I didn't agree with that.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

The online is shaky, because anybody can take it.

MR. GREENE:

Yes.

MR. BARBER:

Right.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Any public comments?



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If there's no --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Mr. Chairman, I don't think we actually --

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Oh, did we vote? We didn't vote on it.

MR. LAGRANGE:

I don't think we voted on the motion yet.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. We did have a motion.

MR. LAGRANGE:

And then we got caught up in the discussion.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. I'm sorry. Okay. So we had -- who made the motion?

MR. LAGRANGE:

I did.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

You made the motion. Ms. Henry, you seconded it, right?

MS. HENRY:

(INDICATING YES)

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MR. BONVILLAIN:

Okay. Is there any objection to motion?

MR. HYLTON:

I forgot what the motion was.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

The motion was to approve the ten hours --

MR. LAGRANGE:

Ten hours.

MR. HYLTON:

For this guy?

MR. BONVILLAIN:

-- for Mr. Truong.

MS. HENRY:

Yes.

MR. HYLTON:

Okay.

MR. BONVILLAIN:

Any objection to the motion?  
Hearing none, the motion passes.  
Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

MR. BARBER:

So moved.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:11 A.M.



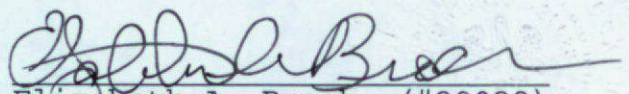
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