

1 LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
2 OF
3 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
4 BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING
5 FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATORS
6 Monday, October 23, 2023

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12 Louisiana Department of Environmental
13 Quality Meeting, taken via Zoom, on Monday,
14 October 23, 2023, at 1:15 p.m.

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19 Louisiana Department of Environmental
20 Quality
21 602 North 5th Street
22 P.O. Box 4302
23 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Ricardo deAbreu, Hearing Officer

3 Bubba Wynn

4 Richard LeBouef

5 Donnie Colona

6 Donovan Driskill

7 Jason Brancamp

8 Wes Wyche

9 Robert Thomas

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12 Also Present: Shirley Robins

13 Keri Meyers

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17 REPORTED BY: DOROTHY N. GROS, CCR

18 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 The meeting of the Board of
4 Certification and Training for Solid Waste
5 Management Operators. The date is October
6 23, 2023. It's 1:20 p.m.

7 Ms. Robins, can we have the roll call,
8 please?

9 MS. ROBINS:

10 Ricardo deAbreu?

11 MR. deABREU:

12 Here.

13 MS. ROBINS:

14 John Bubba Wynn?

15 MR. WYNN:

16 Here.

17 MS. ROBINS:

18 Richard LeBouef?

19 MR. LeBOUEF:

20 Here.

21 MS. ROBINS:

22 Donnie Colona?

23 MR. COLONA:

24 Here.

25 MS. ROBINS:

1 Donovan Driskill?

2 MR. DRISKILL:

3 Here.

4 MS. ROBINS:

5 Jason Brancamp?

6 MR. BRANCAMP:

7 Here.

8 MS. ROBINS:

9 Wes Wyche?

10 MR. WYCHE:

11 Here.

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 Shirley Robins, that's me.

14 Keri Meyers. Robert Thomas?

15 MR. THOMAS:

16 Here.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 So we have a quorum. Anyone who has
19 not received the meeting's agenda for
20 today?

21 (No response)

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Everyone has received it. Alright,
24 first, we'd like to give a welcome to Jason
25 Brancamp. He is our new board member that's

1 replacing David Green. Jason, if you want
2 to just say a little bit about your
3 background and what you do?

4 MR. BRANCAMP:

5 Okay, thank y'all. It's a pleasure to
6 become a part of the board with all of
7 y'all. I'm with Republic Services,
8 Environmental Manager for North Louisiana.
9 I've been with them for about two years
10 now. But prior to that I've worked in the
11 public and private sector. I've consulted
12 for oil and gas industry, waste industries.
13 I've worked for the State's DEQ and
14 Wildlife and Fisheries. I'm a graduate of
15 Louisiana Tech. About twenty years in the
16 industry. It's been waste focused, probably
17 the last ten years it's been more waste
18 focused than operator. At first it was a
19 very broad environmental background. And
20 happy to be here.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 And happy to have you here and welcome
23 to the board.

24 Alright, the second item is the review
25 of the July 11 2023 minutes. You guys

1 received the minutes for the last meeting.
2 Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

3 MR. WYNN:

4 I make a motion to approve it. Bubba
5 Wynn.

6 MR. DRISKILL:

7 I'll second.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Motion moved by Mr. Wynn and second by
10 Mr. Driskill. Any comments?

11 (No response)

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Hearing none, the motion carries.

14 Next is review of agenda for approval
15 of hours for 2024 LSWA/DEQ conference.

16 Mr. Wynn?

17 MR. WYNN:

18 I have not got that set up yet.

19 MS. ROBINS:

20 What do you need?

21 MR. WYNN:

22 How many attended and how many tested?

23 MS. ROBINS:

24 Six tested and 85 attended the
25 conference.

1 MR. WYNN:

2 85, wow.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 So we don't need to do anything
5 regarding approval for the next conference.

6 MR. WYNN:

7 I take that back. We do have that. We
8 will have that discussion and come up with
9 a date and send it out to Charlene and let
10 her send it out to everyone to see if they
11 can attend.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Yes, please do. We are really looking
14 forward to having the meeting there. Okay,
15 very good. Well, just let me know. We'll
16 see if we can coordinate it for the next
17 time.

18 Next item, Consideration of Operator
19 Certifications. Let's go through the list
20 one by one.

21 First, I have Brian Gaten, (inaudible)

22 MR. WYCHE:

23 I'll make a motion to approve the
24 application.

25 MR. WYNN:

1 I second that motion.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Motion by Mr. Wyche, second by Mr.
4 Wynn. Any comments?

5 (No response)

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Hearing none, the motion carries.
8 Next is Lakeila S. Fair, Level B, Republic
9 Service.

10 MR. WYNN:

11 I make a motion to approve.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Motion made from Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
14 second?

15 MR. WYCHE:

16 I'll second.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Second by Mr. Wyche. Any comments?

19 (No response)

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Hearing none, the motion carries.
22 Next is John Riley, Jr., CNB Level B.

23 MR. WYNN:

24 I approve of that application.

25 HEARING OFFICER:

1 A motion by Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
2 second?

3 MR. COLONA:

4 I second.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Second by Mr. Colona. Any comments on
7 that?

8 MS. ROBINS:

9 Approved until test is passed.

10 MR. WYNN:

11 We're just approving the application.

12 MS. ROBINS:

13 Okay.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Yes. He still needs to pass the test.
16 Any comments?

17 (No response)

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Hearing none, the motion carries.
20 Next is Bruce Norton, Level B with Harold
21 J. Landry Landfill.

22 MR. WYCHE:

23 Motion to approve application.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Motion by Mr. Wyche.

1 MR. LeBOUEF:

2 I second.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Second by Mr. LeBouef. Any comments?

5 (No response)

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Hearing none, motion carries. Next is
8 Jason Cradeur, Level D, (inaudible)

9 MR. WYNN:

10 I make a motion to approve the
11 application.

12 MR. COLONA:

13 I second.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second by Mr.
16 Colona. Any comments?

17 (No response)

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Hearing none, the motion carries. Next
20 is Gillian Watson, (inaudible) in Risk
21 Management.

22 MR. DRISKILL:

23 I motion.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Motion by Mr. Driskill. Second by Mr.

1 Wynn. Any comments?

2 (No response)

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Hearing none, the motion carries. Next
5 is Joshua Bidleman, (inaudible). He's
6 applying to Level A.

7 MR. WYCHE:

8 I motion to approve.

9 HEARING OFFICER:

10 Motion by Mr. Wyche. Do I hear a
11 second.

12 MR. DRISKILL:

13 I'll second.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any comments?

16 (No response)

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Hearing none, motion carries. Next is
19 Natalie Blanchard, Level B (inaudible).

20 MR. WYCHE:

21 I'll make a motion to approve that.

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 A motion by Mr. Wyche. Do I hear a
24 second.

25 MR. LeBOUEF:

1 I'll second that.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Second by Mr. LeBouef. Any comments?

4 (No response)

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Hearing none, the motion carries. The
7 next item on the agenda is Review of
8 Application for Recertification.

9 We just have two --

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 They didn't show up today. They didn't
12 sign in.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Okay, so they --

15 MS. ROBINS:

16 Bryan McManus and Patrick Smyth are
17 missing ten hours.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Okay. So, they need ten more hours.
20 So, we're going to table this. And the
21 others, Timothy Cowart, Calvin Johnson,
22 Henry LaGrange, Willis Sudds, Darien Kelly,
23 they all have the 40 hours, correct?

24 MS. ROBINS:

25 Yes.

1 MR. WYNN:

2 Here is one I need to find out, Henry
3 LaGrange, if I'm not mistaken he has served
4 on the board more than a few terms.

5 MS. ROBINS:

6 He's lifetime.

7 MR. WYNN:

8 He is eligible for his lifetime?

9 MS. ROBINS:

10 Yeah. That's what I have.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 He just wants to make sure he has
13 hours. He wanted me to submit him.

14 MR. WYNN:

15 I make a motion to approve everybody
16 that has the hours.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 A motion by Mr. Wynn to approve Timothy
19 Cowart, Calvin Johnson, Henry LaGrange,
20 Willis Sudds, and Darien Kelly's
21 applications. Do I hear a second?

22 MR. LeBOUEF:

23 I'll second.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Second by Mr. LeBouef. Any comments?

1 (No response)

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Hearing none, the motion carries. So,
4 the next one is David O'Mary. He let his
5 certification expire. He is requesting
6 recertification for Level A (inaudible).
7 He let his certification expire for more
8 than six months, or more than three months.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 What is the time period?

11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 I think three months.

13 MS. ROBINS:

14 Three.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 He asked for a waiver.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

18 I know David O'Mary but --

19 MR. WYNN:

20 I cannot -- I deny the request.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Do you want to make a motion?

23 MR. WYNN:

24 I make a motion.

25 HEARING OFFICER:

1 A motion by Mr. Wynn to deny the
2 request. Do I hear a second?

3 MR. DRISKILL:

4 I second.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any comments?

7 MR. WYNN:

8 He'll have to retake the test.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 Retest and reapply.

11 MR. WYNN:

12 That's correct.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Hearing none, the motion carries. Let's
15 go with the Committee Reports. Awards, Mr.
16 LeBouef?

17 MR. LeBOUEF:

18 (Inaudible)

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 So, Ms. Robins has the applications for
21 everyone on the board. For the Bentley
22 Mackay Award we ask that you consider an
23 applicant or nominate an applicant for an
24 award and we'll vote in December. We ask
25 that you submit the application to Ms.

1 Robins no later than November the 30th.

2 MR. LeBOUEF:

3 Is the task award committee chairman
4 going to tutor me into this one?

5 MR. WYNN:

6 I will do that.

7 MR. LeBOUEF:

8 Thank you, sir.

9 HEARING OFFICER:

10 Anything else to report, Mr. LeBouef?

11 MR. LeBOUEF:

12 No, sir.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. Next, Testing, Bubba Wynn.

15 MR. WYNN:

16 I've already given my report.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

18 Six testing.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Continuing Education by Mr. Wyche.

21 MR. WYCHE:

22 Well, as you know, I have no report of
23 which I am aware.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Okay. Nominating, we have a vacancy

1 here. So, I open the floor for nominations
2 for the Nominating Committee.

3 MR. WYNN:

4 I nominate Donnie.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 So, Mr. Colona, do you accept the
7 nomination?

8 MR. COLONA:

9 Yeah.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Do I hear a motion for approval of the
12 nomination.

13 MR. WYNN:

14 I make my motion.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Second?

17 MR. DRISKILL:

18 Second.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Second by Mr. Driskill. Any comments?

21 (No response)

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Hearing none, the motion carries.

24 Congratulations, Mr. Colona.

25 We have to two more openings. So, I

1 request your help to find volunteers for
2 the board.

3 Okay, other business. Does anyone have
4 anything else that you would like to
5 discuss?

6 MR. WYNN:

7 Ms. Shirley, are you going to talk to
8 these people that we were talking about the
9 application?

10 MS. ROBINS:

11 Patrick and Bryan?

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Yes.

14 MS. ROBINS:

15 They're not here.

16 HEARING OFFICER:

17 So, a motion to deny the two
18 applicants.

19 MR. WYNN:

20 I make that motion.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Motion by Mr. Wynn. Do I hear a
23 second?

24 MR. COLONA:

25 I second.

1 HEARING OFFICER:

2 Second by Mr. Colona. Any comments?

3 (No response)

4 HEARING OFFICER:

5 Hearing none, the motion carries.

6 Anything else you would like to discuss?

7 (No response)

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Any comments from the public?

10 MR. WYNN:

11 Are you going to reach out to the other
12 people at Pineville?

13 MS. ROBINS:

14 Yes, Mr. John Riley. So he has to pass
15 his Level B test. Y'all approved him for
16 Level B?

17 MR. WYNN:

18 That's correct. Once he passes the
19 test he will be approved for Level B.

20 MS. ROBINS:

21 Right. I will reach out to him.

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Any other comments?

24 (No response)

25 HEARING OFFICER:

1 Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

2 MR. DRISKILL:

3 I motion to adjourn.

4 MR. LeBOUEF:

5 Second.

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Motion to adjourn from Mr. Driskill and
8 second by Mr. LeBouef. The meeting is
9 adjourned.

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11 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
12 1:38 p.m.)

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6 this page.

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