

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – October 11 2018

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 9:32 AM in the Russel Room on the 5th floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair Ruzicka. Board members J. Adams, J. Loureiro, A. Phillips-Griggs and C. Violette and Board Administrator K. Maiorano were present. R. Good and M. Gamache joined the meeting via telephone. Nelson Walter representing EPOC, Jacques Gilbert from DEEP and two recent Department hires were present. D. Wrinn representing the Attorneys General Office joined for a discussion of the use of the CTLEP.com email address.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 13, 2018 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by R. Good, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, passed unanimously with J. Loureiro and Chair Ruzicka abstaining.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter had no comments.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #17-102

J. Loureiro reported that he was working with E. Patton on a detailed letter to be sent to the LEP.

Item Development Workshop October 17th

J. Loureiro (birthday boy), and R. Good, Jack Markey and C. Violette have volunteered to participate. The group would be tasked with developing alternative remediation questions to update the exam.

Test Assembly Workshop November 14th

Evan Glass, E. Patton, Rachel Rosen, Kim Maiorano and J. Adams have volunteered to participate.

E. New Business

Application for a new license

The Board approved an application for a new license. On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by J. Adams, the Board unanimously voted to approve the issuance of the new license.

Letter from Inmate

The Board reviewed a letter from an inmate concerning conditions at the prison facility where he is housed. The letter was acknowledged, but the subjects fall outside the Boards jurisdiction. It was decided that the Board administrator would draft a letter to send to the inmate, on the Boards behalf indicating the subject matter was outside the Boards authority.

YEP presentation on December 6th

Chair Ruzicka and K. Maiorano will speak to the young professionals group on December 6 focusing on applications to take the examination.

Course Approvals

Course approval request from GES for course titled ***“PFAS in Practical Terms: An Update from the Research Lab to Field Practices”*** for 4 CECs. On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by C. Violette, the course was approved unanimously for 4.0 credits.

Course approval request from JessCo Enterprises, LLC and Clean Vapor for course titled ***“Vapor Mitigation Strategies”*** for 2 CECs. On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the course was approved unanimously for 2.0 credits.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled “*the Basics of Monitored Natural Attenuation*” for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by R. Good, the course was approved unanimously for 4.0 credits.

FYI – EPOC to offer course #CTLEP-450 “Intro to New England Hydrogeology” will be provided by EPOC. This is a change in course provider.

On a motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs a motion was made to add three additional courses to the agenda for review and approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled “*Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation*” for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by C. Violette, the course was approved unanimously for 4.0 credits.

Course approval request from Alpha Analytical and BCONE for course titled “*Emerging Contaminants-PFAs*” for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by C. Violette, the course was approved unanimously for 4.0 credits.

Course approval request from Enviro Workshops for course titled “*Remediation Workshop*” for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by J. Adams, seconded by C. Violette, the course was approved unanimously for 6.75 credits.

The Board had a discussion as to whether an updated course that was now being given for 4 hours and had previously been given for 2 hours could provide an attendee of both courses an additional 2 hours for the longer course. It was decided that this topic would be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

LEP email address

Chair Ruzicka brought forward an issue for discussion where a firm that was a solo practitioner had an email address Jane.Doe@CTLEP.com. The individual is an LEP. The firm has hired an additional employee who is not an LEP. The new employee is using the His.Name@CTLEP.com email address. The question posed to the Board was whether the use of this email address by a non-LEP was in violation of the Professional Conduct regulations for LEPs. Specifically, was this a violation of RCSA 22a-133v-6(d)(5) and (7).

Questions to be discussed by the Board include: Is it a misrepresentation by the LEP to allow non-LEPs to use the email address and is the individual who is not an LEP representing themselves as an LEP by using the email address?

A substantial discussion followed that concluded:

The term CTLEP has been used by the DEEP and the Board since the inception of the LEP Program.

In such a matter, the Board may not have jurisdiction over the individual because he did not have an LEP license. Hence the individual may not have violated RCSA 22a-133v-6(d)(5).

During the discussion a possible clarification of the regulations was discussed. A possible revision of RCSA 22a-133v-6(d)(7) could be revised to read: *(7) No licensee whose license has expired, and any other individual who does not have a license, shall render or offer to render [licensed environmental] professional services or represent himself as being a licensed environmental professional.* This revision would clarify this provision of the code of conduct.

R. Good and C. Violette volunteered to step down and review a new complaint identified as number 18-101 and 18-102.

The discussion will continue at future meetings.

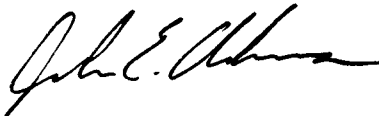
Next meeting is November 14, 2018 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.

Minutes were approved on November 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary