

# MINUTES

## HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Michael Rosario, Acting Chairperson at 9:35 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson  
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor  
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyperson  
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyperson  
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyperson  
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor  
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyperson  
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member  
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member  
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon  
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Public Present:	Steve Seickel	Joseph Demers	Jon Orser
	Joseph Doyle	Anthony Pasciuto	Rich Carino
	Gerald Thibodeau	Ernest Ehle	Tim Montemmarano
	Timothy J. Price	Tom Sottile	Nelson Espinal
	Todd Miano	Robert Spring	Chris Pastore
	San Patterson	Richard Chmela	Jaekyun Koo
	Michael Nero	Frederick Smith	John Pomaiba
	David Johnston	Gregg Neretich	Brent Gaccione
	Andrew Laluna	Xavier Molina	Mike Pintal
	Endrit Kurti	Victor Lopez, Jr.	Gabriel Ramos, Jr.
	Joseph Sicignano	Roberto Espinal	
	Tony Pardo	Matt Lazarus	

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the September 7, 2011 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board Meeting.

## **APPLICATIONS**

**Jorge M. Candelario, New Britain, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**  
Mr. Candelario did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Richard Carino, Cortlandt Manor, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted to approve Mr. Carino's application based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon receipt of notarized statement from his Local 21 union business agent certifying his specific occupational related experience during his tenure at Local 21. Ms. Riotte and Mr. Rosario abstained from voting.

**Richard Chmela, St. James, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted (4-3) to approve Mr. Chmela's application based on equivalent experience and training.

**Joseph L. Demers, Jr., Newtown, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Demers withdrew his application for future filing.

**Michael T. Donovan, Wilbraham, MA – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Donovan's application.

**Joseph Doyle, Southbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Doyle's application, contingent upon receipt of proof from the licensing authority in New York, verifying that his New York license permits him to perform the same scope of work covered under the CT (S-2) license.

**Ernest E. Ehle, III, Hamden, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Ehle withdrew his application for future filing.

**Nelson Espinal, Valley Stream, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Espinal's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Espinal changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (D-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**Roberto Espinal, Valley Stream, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Espinal's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Espinal changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (D-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**Benjamin Fritz, Harwinton, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Fritz did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Benjamin Fritz, Harwinton, CT – (SM-4) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Fritz did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Brent T. Gaccione, Westerly, RI – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Gaccione withdrew his application for future filing.

**Michael Gambardella, Madison, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Gambardella withdrew his application for future filing.

**Endrit Kurti, Newington, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted (4-3) to deny Mr. Kurti's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

**Andrew M. Laluna, Ansonia, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn**

Mr. Laluna withdrew his application for future filing.

**Matthew Lazarus, Stamford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lazarus' application based on equivalent experience and training.

**Victor Lopez, East Meadow, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lopez's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Lopez changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (D-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**Todd A. Miano, Barkhamsted, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Miano's application due to lack of a required (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Mr. Miano changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (S-2) exam, contingent upon proof that he has successfully completed the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprenticeship program.

**Xavier Molina, Ridgewood Queens, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted (4-3) to approve Mr. Molina's application based on equivalent experience and training.

**Timothy Montemarano, Cortlandt Manor, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted to approve Mr. Montemarano's application based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon receipt of notarized statement from his Local 638 union business agent certifying his specific occupational related experience during his tenure at Local 638. Ms. Riotte and Mr. Rosario abstained from voting.

**Gregg J. Neretich, Naugatuck, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted to approve Mr. Neretich's application based on equivalent experience and training. Mr. Rosario abstained from voting and Mr. Higgins opposed.

**Michael Nero, Hamden, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-10)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nero's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Nero changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (S-10) exam based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-10) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor exam.

**William O'Connor, Thomaston, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. O'Connor did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Jonathan P. Orser, Mohopac, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted to approve Mr. Orser's application based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon receipt of notarized statement from his Local 638 union business agent certifying his specific occupational related experience during his tenure at Local 638. Ms. Riotte and Mr. Rosario and Mr. Casey abstained from voting.

**Tony Pardo, East Hartford, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Pardo withdrew his application for future filing.

**Anthony P. Pasciuto, Medford, MA – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (SM-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Pasciuto's application due to lack of a required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Pasciuto changed his license category to (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (SM-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**Christopher T. Pastore, North Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Pastore withdrew his application for future filing.

**Sam S. Patterson, Harwinton, CT – (B-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (B-1)**  
Mr. Patterson changed his license category to (B-1) Limited Contractor and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (B-1) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**Eric Piekarski, East Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**  
The Board did not find Mr. Piekarski qualified for the (S-2) exam and tabled his application at their March 2, 1011 meeting, contingent upon his current employer registering him as an (S-10) Limited Journeyman apprentice and appearing before the Board with his employer prior to the expiration of his application (12/7/11) for consideration of an (S-10) Limited Journeyman license exam.

Mr. Piekarski did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**John J. Pomaiba, Meriden, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pomaiba's application.

**Gabriel Ramos, Jr., Bridgeport, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved (S-2)**  
Mr. Ramos changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (S-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training.

**David Saska, Madison, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Saska withdrew his application for future filing.

**Brandt Scipion, Norwalk, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Scipion withdrew his application for future filing.

**Stephen J. Seickel, Whitehouse Station, NJ – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-4)**  
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Seickel's application due to lack of a required (S-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Mr. Seickel changed his license category to (S-4) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (S-4) exam based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-4) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-3) Limited Contractor exam.

**Joseph D. Sicignano, III, N. Haven, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Denied**  
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Sicignano's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate". Mr. Sicignano changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted (5-3) to deny his (D-2) application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

**Frederick Smith, Ansonia, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn**  
Mr. Smith withdrew his application for future filing.

**Vincent J. Smith, Hartford, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Smith did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Thomas R. Sottile, Jr., Stamford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Sottile's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

**Robert Sporing, Bethpage, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sporing's application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam.

**Gerald P. Thibodeau, Griswold, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Thibodeau withdrew his application for future filing.

**Kyle Wheeler, New Haven, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Wheeler did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE**

**Timothy J. Price, East Hartford, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Expired 8/31/10)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Price's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

**Michael Pinal, Willimantic, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/09)**

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Pinal's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

**APPEARING IN PERSON**

**David Johnston** – Mr. Johnston is requesting to appear before the Board to verify if his credentials qualify him for the (ST-1) Limited Solar Thermal certificate examination. The Board denied his (ST-1) application at their January 5, 2011 and July 27, 2011 meeting due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Johnston lacks 100% of the required schooling and has never held a plumbing or heating license.

After further review of Mr. Johnston's credentials, the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (ST-2) exam based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon submittal of an application, application fee and credentials presented today.

## **DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. News Release from the State of CT Division of Criminal Justice, concerning a Massachusetts contractor sentenced for propane incident.
2. NFPA 56 (PS) Standard for fire and explosion prevention during cleaning and purging of flammable gas piping systems 2012 Edition.

### **2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays --- January 5, March 2, May, 4, July 6, September 7, November 2, December 6.

### **2012 MEETING SCHEDULE / ROOM-117 FROM 12:00 – 1:00**

- January 5th and 19th
- February 2nd and 16th
- March 1st and 15th
- April 5th and 19th
- May 3rd and 17th
- June 7 and 21st
- July 5th and 19th
- August 2nd and 16th
- September 6th and 20th
- October 4th and 18th
- November 1st and 15th
- December 6th and 20<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-117.**