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MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on May 9, 2019 at 9:09 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Members Absent:

Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

Others Present:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner
Arunan Arulampalam, Deputy Commissioner
Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Gary Gauthier, International Code Council
Ryan Collin
Stephen Casey

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the February 14, 2019 and February 28, 2019 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARANCE BY DCP COMMISSIONER MICHELLE SEAGULL AND DCP DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ARUNAN ARULAMPALAM:

1. Commissioner Seagull provided an update on the continuing education audit, and requested that board members consider assisting the Department in the audit process by calling licensees that have not responded to the continuing education audit to date. The Board will discuss this request and respond back to the Commissioner with their decision.
2. Commissioner Seagull introduced Deputy Commissioner Arunan Arulampalam to the Board. The Board welcomed him and looks forward to working together in the future.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 03/01/19 to 04/29/19. Janita Hamel was in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints.

APPEARANCE BY RYAN COLLIN, P-1 APPLICANT

Ryan Collin appeared before the Board to discuss his P-1 Unlimited Contractor application and previous denials of such application by the Department and the Board due to lack of the required two-year period as a P-2 Unlimited Journeyman holder. Ryan submitted documentation regarding his work experience for the Board's review.

After a review of these documents and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the P-1 application due to lack of the required two-year period as a P-2 Unlimited Journeyman holder.

In addition, the Board voted unanimously to refer this documentation to the Investigations Division for alleged work done without the proper license in the plumbing and heating and cooling trades.

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APPEARANCE BY STEPHEN CASEY, SM-2 LICENSEE

Stephen Casey holds an SM-2 license and appeared seeking guidance regarding the application procedure and requirements for the P-2 Unlimited Journeyman license.

After discussion and a review of credentials, the Board recommended that Mr. Casey contact Department of Labor and Department of Education to obtain additional information and attend the next Plumbing Board meeting for follow up.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

Julianne Avallone and Cynthia Fernandez appeared to provide an update on these proposed regulations and to seek board members' advice and feedback. The Board reviewed the current proposed regulations and discussion took place regarding potential changes to well drilling license types and apprenticeship and training programs. In addition, a document containing a list of items from these regulations that the Legal Division is seeking input and clarification from the Board was distributed. The Board stated that they will need time to review these items before commenting. Further discussion on this topic was tabled.

2. 2019 draft legislative proposal for adding inspection and testing to definitions within Chapter 393

No new discussion took place on this topic.

3. 2019 Examination Review – April 16, 2019 (Geothermal 2013 ERC draft content)

No new discussion took place on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of continuing education evaluation forms for plumbing continuing education classes completed by licensees.

Board so noted.

2. Continuing education curriculum 2020-2021

The Board noted that the development of the upcoming curriculum will be taking place soon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

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COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Gary Gauthier, Director of PMG Technical Resources Government Relations, International Code Council attended and stated that he is available to the Board as a resource for code compliance, code development, and training.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- August 8, 2019
- November 14, 2019

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.