

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Christopher Bowman on October 8, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

William Lussier, CODE

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. The Board will review the minutes of the September 10, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

After a review of the minutes, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

Jeffrey Modine, Killingworth, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Modine's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of the required 8,000 hours of on the job training and 720 hours of related instruction.

Joseph Nader, Jr., Worcester, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nader's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of the required 8,000 hours of on the job training and 720 hours of related instruction.

John Taylor, Westbrook, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Tabled

Mr. Taylor has held the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license since July 14, 2015 and is requesting a waiver of the required two-year period. The Board reviewed the application and documentation and a discussion took place. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table this application until the next meeting.

APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION:

John Romano, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board denied Mr. Romano's (P-2) application on March 12, 2015 due to lack of related instruction.

Mr. Romano submitted additional documentation for the Board's review. The Board reviewed the documentation and noted that proof of completion of the required related instruction has been submitted. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Romano's application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirement

No new discussion took place.

2. Legislative Working Group Meeting 9-23-15

The Board briefly discussed this meeting, at which occupational trade board members discussed alternate ways to issue trade license cards and concerns about enforcement. This working group would like to meet again in 2016.

In addition, a meeting will be scheduled to give board members of all occupational licensing boards an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Harris at a later date.

3. Continuing education school provider package – 2016-2017

The Board reviewed this document and thanked Mr. Lussier for his efforts in drafting this document.

4. PSI Examination – Request for additional questions

This item will be under the authority of DCP and is to be addressed by Richard Hurlburt, Director.

5. DCP Report to the General Assembly's General Law Committee pursuant to Public Act 14-210, "An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Status"

This report will be available for review by the Board in accordance with Board Member Melissa Sheffy's request that Trade Practices provide the Board with a copy of this report, whom it was submitted to, and the date it was submitted.

The board briefly reviewed this report, dated January 15, 2015, as well as a supplemental report dated April 9, 2015. Melissa Sheffy will follow up on this reporting and provide feedback as to whether the legislative requirements have been met.

6. Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

In response to the Board's request for an update on the status of these regulations, DCP has responded as follows: The Department of Consumer Protection is waiting for review by the Department of Public Health and Connecticut Well Drillers Association. This matter is being handled by Gary Berner, DCP Legislative Liaison.

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Apprenticeship registration

Peter Alfieri expressed his concerns, as a relatively new member of the Board, over the amount of apprentices that are not registered in a timely manner, often resulting in years of unregistered employment, and a brief discussion took place on this long-standing issue. The Board discussed the option of requesting that contractors with unregistered apprentices come before the Board for the purposes of deterring employers from continuing this practice.

2. Legislative PRI Committee Meeting and Public Hearing on Apprenticeship Programs and Workforce Needs

Melissa Sheffy attended this meeting and provide feedback to the Board. She feels that this a valuable and worthwhile study. At this meeting, public testimony was given. Ms. Sheffy provided testimony, with the general premise of her testimony being that, without proper enforcement, the issue of employers not registering their apprentices will remain. Further discussion took place regarding the the current process for registering apprentices and requesting ratio relief with the Dept. of Labor.

Ms. Sheffy reported that another follow up meeting on this study will take place at the Legislative Office Building in December, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms for review

Board so noted.

2. Opinion No. 15-402, Office of the Attorney General, State of California, addressing the following question: What constitutes “active state supervision” of a state licensing board for purposes of the state action immunity doctrine in antitrust actions, and what measures might be taken to guard against antitrust liability for board members?; for the Board’s information

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION:

1. The Board will review the current complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

The Board reviewed a report consisting of open cases dated October 5, 2015, and a report consisting of closed cases dated October 1, 2015.

2. Copies of complaint reports submitted by Trade Practices Division subsequent to the September 10, 2015 and sent electronically to Board Members will be available for review.

Board so noted.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- **November 12, 2015**
- **December 10, 2015**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut