

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

JUNE 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Keith Flood, Local Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Board Vacancies: Public member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present: Todd Berch, Department of Labor
Tammie Whiting, Department of Labor
David LaFond, NFSA

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:

The Board will review the draft minutes from the May 19, 2016 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the May 19, 2016 draft minutes and voted unanimously to approve as corrected under Old Business, Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

David Waskowicz reported that there was a live burn demonstration related to the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition on June 8, 2016. David was unable to attend this event but understands that it was well attended.

2. Request for copy of annual report sent to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly as required in Sec. 21a-8(b) of the CGS

The Board noted that they received the “Report to the General Assembly’s General Law Committee Pursuant to Public Act 14-210, An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes” dated January 15, 2016 via email.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Apprentice Ratio – Employment of Apprentices – Connecticut Section 20-332-15a; for the Board’s information

Todd Berch, Office of Apprenticeship Training Program Manager introduces himself to the Board and discussion takes place regarding apprenticeship ratios. Todd informed the Board that he has created, through the State Apprenticeship Council, a subcommittee to review all ratio relief requests.

2. Credential Count of Active Plumbing Licensees; Credential Count of Fire Protection Licensees; for the Board’s information

Board so noted.

3. Request for information from the Department of Labor

The Board requests that the Department of Labor provide the Board with the work schedule and related instruction required for the P-2 license category. In addition, the Board requests that the Department of Labor provide the Board with information on any credit in such work schedule and related instruction that relates to residential fire sprinkler systems in comparison to the F-2 outlines.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Director Richard M. Hurlburt to the company Uponor regarding Uponor's advertisement for online training as such relates to licensing in Connecticut.

Board so noted. David Waskowicz thanked Richard for sending this letter.

2. Email dated May 25, 2016 from Pat Ciarleglio, State Dept. of Education, including AFSA link to approved coursework for the F-2 program

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

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

The Board reviewed a complaint report submitted by Trade Practices Division dated June 7, 2016 consisting of one closed case. After review and discussion, the Board requested that Richard Maloney, Director attend the next Fire Board meeting to provide additional information on Case #2016-81.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON DAVID WASKOWICZ REGARDING THE MAY 12, 2016 PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES

David Waskowicz stated for the record that he doesn't feel that the May 12, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board draft minutes reflect what transpired at its meeting which he attended. The minutes do not mention that the jurisdiction belongs to the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board. He states that his purpose for attending the Plumbing Board meeting was twofold: One was to request that they remove the topic of residential fire sprinkler systems from their ongoing agenda, as it doesn't relate to them, and the other was to recognize the fact that the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board is the governing body when it comes to fire protection.

David LaFond, who also had attended the May 12, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting, stated further that the minutes do not reflect a motion made by one of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board members stating that the F-1 license is the license

in the state of Connecticut for sprinkler installation. It was noted that the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board had already approved its May 12, 2016 minutes as written.

Keith Flood inquired as to whether there is any correspondence from the state that clarifies who can install multipurpose systems, F-1 or P-1 license holders, as it would be ideal to have a document stating this to pass on to the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board. Board members stated that they believe that the members of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board are aware of this, and that, in addition, the current law is stated on the recent letter which was sent to Uponsor.

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director stated that the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board has been presented two scenarios in the past: One is for this board to create regulations for residential sprinkler work, in which case the Fire Board would have input as to the on the job training and related instruction required for such new license. The other option is to continue to allow someone to try to pass statutory language creating a limited license including on the job training and related instruction requirements.

Keith Flood requested a roster of persons that hold dual P-2 and F-2 licenses that would allow them to install residential fire sprinkler systems for the next meeting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- **August 18, 2016**
- **September 15, 2016**
- **October 20, 2016**
- **November 17, 2016**
- **December 15, 2016**

Meetings held at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Room 117 at 9:00 a.m.