

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK**  
**EXAMINING BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 9:06 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

**Members Present:** David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,  
Chairperson  
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor  
Wayne Roderick, Unlimited Journeyman  
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal

**Members Absent:** Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal  
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor  
Anthony Moscato – Public Member

**Board Vacancies:** Two Public Members

**DCP Board Staff:** Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional  
Licensing Division  
Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst

**Others Present:** Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division  
David Cousins, Acting Legal Director  
John Abbate, Jr., President CT-NFSA  
Dave Dorean, Local 669

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the December 3, 2020 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

John Abbate reported on the status and enrollment of classes held by NFSA for the F-5/F-6 Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Limited Licenses.

## **DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

1. The Board reviewed the reports for the period of 11-01-20 to 12-31-20 and 1-01-21 to 2-28-21 submitted by the Investigations Division. Pamela Brown was in attendance for the review of these reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Backflow Prevention Device**

At the September 10, 2020 meeting, the Board agreed that they would like to go forward with proposing changes to the regulations and/or statutes pertaining to this topic and requested that Richard Hurlburt provide them with the procedure to make such changes at the next board meeting.

On September 11, 2020, correspondence was sent from Richard Hurlburt to Leslie O'Brien regarding the Board's legislative change request for the Backflow Prevention Device.

On December 3, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to request that that the Department re-send the September 11, 2020 email and attached documentation, as they would like to move forward with proposing legislative changes for the Backflow Prevention Device.

At today's meeting, the Board requested that the Department invite Leslie O'Brien to the next meeting, which takes place on June 10, 2021 for discussion on this topic.

### **2. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Limited License Types F-5 and F-6**

On December 3, 2020, the Board discussed drafting language regarding this new license type and related scope of work and forwarding this language to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and State Building Officials in order to educate them on this new license.

The Board reviewed the proposed language drafted by Director Richard M. Hurlburt and was in favor of this language. Kevin Griffith will proceed with moving this communication forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Application Review Working Group**

David Waskowicz provided an overview of applications reviewed at the last three Application Review Working Group meetings.

**2. Occupational licensing Boards renewal form statement suggestion to Commissioner of Consumer Protection**

The Board agreed that the language suggested in the document provided to them for review at today's meeting should be added to the annual renewal form statement sent to licensees.

**3. Review of out of state occupational trade licenses by respective board members for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses**

Discussion took place regarding the review of out of state licenses for equivalency. The Board determined that they would prefer to see all applications come before the Application Review Working Group.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Letter dated November 24, 2020 regarding the appointment of Wayne Roderick as a new Unlimited Journeyman Board Member.**

Board so noted.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

Wayne Roderick has been appointed to the Board as an Unlimited Journeyman by the Governor's Office and was sworn in by Acting Legal Director, David Cousins.

**COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Application Analyst

**2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

June 10  
September 9  
December 2