

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

- Members Present:** David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,
Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Wayne Roderick, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Moscato – Public Member
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
- Members Absent:** Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
- 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
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
David Dereohn, Business Agent, Local 669
John Abbate, Jr. President, CT Chapter, NFSA

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the June 10, 2021 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve with corrections.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the reports for the period of 5-01-21 to 6-30-21 and 7-01-21 to 8-31-21 submitted by the Investigations Division. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance for the review of this report.

Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel took part in a discussion regarding the complaint process, the steps DCP takes to be sure all complaints submitted are processed, tips on how to help to make successful anonymous complaints, clarification on who can file a complaint, and the concern about the current online complaint forms not being user-friendly. The agency continues to work local and state fire marshals, as well as state and local building officials, to ensure that individuals working in this field are licensed and complying with current codes and standards.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Backflow Prevention Device

The Board would like to move forward with proposing changes to the regulations and/or statutes pertaining to this topic. Leslie O'Brien has been invited to this meeting for further discussion.

No new discussion took place on this topic.

2. F-5/F-6 license – Manufacturers' certificate requirement

- Email dated June 29, 2021 from Darren Hobbs, Deputy State Building Inspector in response to the Board's invitation to attend this meeting

Board so noted.

- Email dated June 17, 2021 from Josh Horan, Territory manager, Lubrizol Advanced Materials in response to an email from Richard Hurlburt regarding Blazemaster.

The Board reviewed this email and discussed the concern that has been raised regarding applicants applying with a Blazemaster certificate to qualify for the F-5/F-6 license exam.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that Blazemaster not be accepted as certification for approval to sit for the F-5/F-6 exam.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

David Waskowicz provided an overview of applications reviewed at the July 12 and August 3, 2021 Application Review Working Group meetings.

2. Substitute House Bill No. 6100 - Public Act 21-37 - An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement, Antitrust Issues, and the Palliative Use of Marijuana and Revisions to the Liquor Control Act

Bill No. 6100 includes changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the requirement for a right to cancel timeframe prior to performing work.

Board so noted.

3. Resignation of Board Member Robert Hollis

- Email from Robert Hollis dated August 27, 2021 stating his resignation from the Board.

The Board thanked Robert Hollis for his many years of service on this Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Abbate thanked Robert Hollis for his service on the Board.

John Abbate inquired about vacancies that exist for this Board. David Waskowicz informed him that the process of filling vacancies is handled by the Governor's Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Application Analyst

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:

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