

**HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES**

MAY 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Robert Barrieau at 9:04 a.m. on May 4, 2017 at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
David G. Foster	Unlimited/General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyperson
John T. Higgins, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyperson
Philip H. Benoit	Sheet Metal Journeyperson
Jeremy Zeedyk	Sheet Metal Limited Contractor

Members Absent:

Thomas F. Casey, Jr.	Unlimited Contractor
Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies:

Four Public Members

DCP Board Staff Present:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Board Secretary

Others present:

Commissioner Michelle Seagull
John Neumon, Director, Investigations
Division
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Program
Director
Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division
Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney
Jay More, Local 777
Pedro Rosado
James Pelchat

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the March 2, 2017 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARANCE BY JOHN NEUMON, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

Director John Neumon introduced himself as the Director of Investigations Division and provided an overview of the Division's functions and the current procedures for filing and processing occupational trade complaints.

Director John Neumon distributed the Statutory Report for Occupational and Professional Boards for Quarter 1, 2017. The Board reviewed this report and noted that it does not include respondent's names or details regarding AVC's (Assurance of Voluntary Compliance) and related fines. The Board inquired as to whether or not this information can be supplied to them on quarterly complaint reports. Director John Neumon noted the Board's concerns and will report back to the Board with this additional information, as requested.

The Board inquired about the matter addressed at the March 2, 2017 meeting concerning the employment of journeypersons employed by temporary agencies. This item will be placed on the July 13, 2017 agenda for further discussion.

APPEARANCE BY JULIANNE AVALLONE, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL DIVISION:

Director Julianne Avallone appeared and provided input regarding the complaint process and the issuing of penalties and AVC's (Assurance of Voluntary Compliance).

APPEARANCE BY DCP ATTORNEY PAULETTE ANNON:

Director Julianne Avallone introduced Paulette Annon, a newly hired staff attorney for DCP. Ms. Annon will handle occupational and professional enforcement cases.

APPEARANCE BY COMMISSIONER MICHELLE SEAGULL:

Michelle Seagull introduced herself as the newly appointed Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection.

APPEARANCE BY DIRECTOR LESLIE O'BRIEN:

Director Leslie O'Brien appeared and provided an update on the status of current legislation as it relates to this Board, specifically, Senate Bill 826, which includes the

clarification of the definition of sheet metal work. Director O'Brien stated that this bill is on the Senate calendar at this time.

Discussion took place regarding additional modifications to the existing statutes and regulations for the scope of work of occupational trade licenses, especially in the area of testing and inspecting, that the Board would like to begin discussing in preparation for the 2018 Legislative Session. Leslie O'Brien will attend the July 13, 2017 meeting to begin discussing this topic with the Board.

APPLICANT TO APPEAR FOR RECONSIDERATION:

The Board reviewed Mr. Pelchat's application and related documentation. Mr. Pelchat was in attendance and provided the Board with information on his credentials. Todd Berch, Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Division (DOL) was also in attendance and provided the Board with information regarding DOL's review of this application. During this discussion, it was determined that additional documentation was submitted to DCP subsequent to DOL's review, and that this documentation should be reviewed by DOL.

The Board voted unanimously to request that the DOL review the documentation submitted by the applicant on April 2, 2017 and make a determination regarding Mr. Pelchat's qualifications for the OE2 license.

APPEARING FOR GUIDANCE:

Joseph Gentile, Guilford, CT – B-2 License Holder

Mr. Gentile did not appear.

Pedro Rosado, Meriden, CT – P-1 License Holder

Mr. Rosado appeared seeking advice regarding obtaining an S-type license

OLD BUSINESS:

Elvys Tejada, New Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application

The Board voted unanimously to refer the S-2 application of Elvys Tejada, which was reviewed and denied at March meeting, to DCP Investigations Division, due to the fact that he supplied testimony at the March meeting that he was doing contracting business with his SM-2 license.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report including open, closed, and dismissed cases for Quarter 1, 2017 submitted by John Neumon, Director.
(See Page 2, "APPEARANCE BY JOHN NEUMON, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION")

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- July 13, 2017
- September 7, 2017
- November 2, 2017

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