

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

**APRIL 7, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Robert Barrieau at 9:03 a.m. on April 7, 2022. This meeting was held via Zoom Webinar.

**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

**Members Absent:**

Philip H. Benoit	Sheet Metal Journeyperson
Thomas F. Casey, Jr.	Unlimited Contractor
Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyperson

**Board Vacancies:**

Four Public Members  
Limited Sheet Metal Contractor

**DCP Staff Present:**

Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst  
Richard M. Hurlburt, DCP Staff Retiree  
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division  
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator  
Paulette Annon, Asst. Legal Director  
Andrea Comer, Deputy Commissioner  
Paul Grabowski, Staff Attorney  
Jerry Padula, Staff Attorney

**Others present:**

Michael Gravel, Applicant  
Michael Ifferte, Applicant  
Todd Berch, State Apprenticeship Director, Office of Apprenticeship Training, CT Department of Labor  
Melissa Sheffy, Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board member  
Rick Johnson, HOP Energy

**Note:** The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

A motion was made by Cameron Champlin, seconded by David Foster, to approve the draft minutes of the January 13, 2022 Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Melissa Sheffy, Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Member

The issue of whether or not the installation and servicing of radiant ceiling panels is licensable work was discussed at the January 13, 2022 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting. Melissa Sheffy was in attendance at today’s meeting to discuss and receive clarification regarding licensure for radiant ceiling panels.

**DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

The Board reviewed the complaint report dated 1-1-22 to 2-28-22 submitted by the Investigations Division.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. 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**

The Board has expressed their concern regarding changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the right to cancel timeframe prior to performing work.

DCP has revised the language in this Bill and it is being addressed as part of House Bill 5151 - An Act Concerning the Department of Consumer Protection’s Recommendations Regarding Homemaker-Companion Agencies, Contractors, Heating Fuel, Food Establishments, Continuing Education, and Appraisals.

**Board so noted.**

**2. Continued review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses**

**A. At the February 1, 2022 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent:**

Out of state license type

Connecticut License Type

Rockland County Licensed Mechanical Contractor

CT S-1

**The Application Review Working Group continues to discuss and determine the equivalency of out of state licenses as compared to Connecticut licenses.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Application Review Working Group**

**A. Monthly update to be provided by designated board member**

The Application Review Working Group continues to review applications on a monthly basis for approval to sit for license exams.

**2. Application Review – Michael Gravel – S-1 Application**

A motion was made by David Foster, seconded by John Higgins to approve Mr. Gravel's application for the S-1 license exam based on having held a D-2 license for 14 years. The motion passed three to one.

**3. Application Review – Michael Ifferte – S-1 Application**

A motion was made by Cameron Champlin, seconded by John Higgins to deny Mr. Ifferte's application for the S-1 license exam due to lack of required related instruction for the S-2/S-1 license category. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

Rick Johnson, HOP Energy, attended the meeting for observational purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License and Application Analyst

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- April 7
- July 14
- October 6