

## MINUTES

### PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on February 14, 2019 at 9:07 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

**Members Present:**

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor

**Members Absent:**

Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

**Board Vacancies:**

Public Member

**DCP Board Staff:**

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, License and Applications  
Analyst

**Others Present:**

Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division  
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division  
Vinnie Valente, Local Union 777  
Marcie Addy, Construction Education Center  
Lenny Goldberg  
Ryan Collin

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting and December 12, 2018 Special Meeting of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

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

None

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

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report for the period of 10/27/18 to 12/31/18. Pamela Brown was in attendance for discussion about this report.

## **APPEARANCE BY RYAN COLLIN, P-1 APPLICANT**

1. Application for review and recommendation - Ryan Collin, Wolcott, CT, P-1 Unlimited Contractor application

Ryan Collin appeared to request a waiver of the two-year waiting period. He has held a P-2 license since March 26, 2018. The Board voted unanimously to deny this request, in concurrence with DCP's previous decision of denial.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations**

- Private Well Draft Regulations – Update to be provided by Legal Division
- Regulation Process for geothermal and well drilling proposed regulations
- Letter from Larry Sima, CWWA, to Charles Appleby, Chairperson regarding proposed regulations – Submitted at December 12, 2018 meeting

This item has been tabled.

### **2. Continuing education audit for the 2016 - 2017 cycle**

The Board discussed their concerns regarding the audit letter that was sent out to licensees.

Julianne Avallone clarified for the Board and those in attendance the proper procedure to follow for those who did not comply with continuing education requirements.

Vinnie Valente stated, on behalf of Local Union 777, that they are adamantly opposed to any fine related to this audit at this time. Vinnie also expressed his concern about those who may let their license lapse and reinstate at a later date, therefore avoiding the fine.

Marcie Addy, Construction Education Center, spoke about the audit letter the nature of the phone calls she has received from licensees. Construction Education Center will be offering a make-up class for the 2016-2017 cycle.

Lenny Goldberg, P-1 license holder, attended seeking guidance regarding the audit and how to resolve the issue. The Board advised Lenny to contact his continuing education provider to obtain the certificate for the 2016-2017 class and submit to DCP or, if he determines that he did *not* take the class, he must register for a make-up class and pay the \$250 fee.

After further discussion regarding the audit, the Board voted the following:

The Legal Division will be drafting a new Assurance of Voluntary Compliance which will require proof of registration for a continuing education make-up class for the 2016-2017 cycle and a \$250 fee allowing no more than 150 days to expire. Jay More was opposed.

The Plumbing Board took the position that any licensee that paid the \$650 has the option, upon contacting the Department with proof that they took a continuing education make-up class for the 2016-2017 cycle, to receive a \$400 refund that shall be issued by the Department.

### **3. Medical gas certificate audit**

- DCP renewal forms require such compliance to standards.

Board so noted.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. 2019 draft legislative proposal for adding inspection and testing to definitions within Chapter 393**

The Board reviewed the draft and expressed their concerns regarding testing and balancing as it relates to this proposed language. Jay More will speak with Cameron Champlin, Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board member, and provide an update at the next meeting.

### **2. Connecticut State Statute and Regulations on reciprocity laws for occupational license types**

Board so noted.

### **3. Credential counts for Electrical, Heating, Piping & Cooling, and Plumbing and Piping Journeypersons and Contractors for 2007 and 2018**

Board so noted.

### **4. 2019 Examination Review – April 16, 2019**

- Geothermal 2013 ERC draft content

Board so noted.

### **ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA AT TODAY'S MEETING:**

#### **1. Adoption of the 2020 State Building and Fire Safety Codes**

The State Building Inspector, State Fire Marshal, and Codes and Standards Committee announce intent to adopt the 2020 State Building and Fire Safety Codes based on the 2018 editions of the International Code Council (ICC) documents. Technical review of these codes will be conducted by the Committee's Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) along with DAS staff and will begin in April 2019.

#### **2. Photo identification on trade licenses**

The Board discussed the possibility of including photo identification and bar codes on trade licenses which would have many benefits, including better tracking of continuing education completion and increased consumer safety. Charles Appleby will follow up in this matter.

#### **3. Continuing education – 2020-2021 cycle**

Continuing education subcommittee will be meeting soon to begin developing the curriculum for the 2020-2021 cycle.

#### **4. Emails for the Board's review regarding CEU audit and related hardships**

The Board took the position that emails submitted to the Department by licensees explaining their hardship for the CEU audit should not be reviewed at a public forum such as today's meeting due to the sensitive information that may be included. Charles Appleby will step down to review these emails with Director Richard M. Hurlburt.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Letter from CMHA (Ct. Manufactured Housing Association) to Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, DCP, regarding proposed regulations concerning licensure for limited residential sprinkler work dated December 26, 2018**

Board so noted.

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

Charles Appleby introduced Gary Gauthier, Director of PMG Technical Resources Government Relations, International Code Council. Gary is available to the Board as a resource for code compliance, code development, and training.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Applications Analyst

**2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- May 9, 2019
- August 8, 2019
- November 14, 2019

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