

## MINUTES

### PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on August 8, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Tower, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

#### Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyman
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyman
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe (via telephone)	Public Member

#### Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyman
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

#### Board Vacancies:

Unlimited Journeyman  
Public Member

#### DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division  
Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

#### Others Present:

Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division  
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney  
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division  
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division  
Gary Gauthier, International Code Council  
Larry Sima, Sima Drilling Co.  
Ryan Tetreault, Dept. of Public Health  
Paul Hurlbut, CT Water Well Assoc.  
Jeremiah Weid, Barlow Pump

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the May 9, 2019 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as written.

### **SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER:**

Vinnie Valente was sworn in as an Unlimited Journeyman Board Member of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board by Cynthia Fernandez, DCP Legal Division.

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

None

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

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 4/30/19 to 6/30/19. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints.
2. Pamela Brown created a program to expedite older cases still remaining in the Investigation Division's workflow. Cases that involve registered, licensed individuals have gone to the legal division for further action, and cases that involve unregistered, unlicensed individuals will be presented to this Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

#### A) Update on status of proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

Cynthia Fernandez reviewed the draft revised regulations with the Board. The Board stated their concerns regarding the proposed changes to existing Well Drilling License Types, such as the W-1 and W-5, and the addition of Well Drilling Contractor Class 1 through 4.

Ryan Tetreault provided an update from DPH, stating that DPH could potentially have their regulation revisions done by the November 14, 2019 Plumbing Board meeting, and could provide an update at that time. Julianne Avallone stated that the revision of DCP's regulations is not contingent upon DPH's progress, and spoke with the Board about their concerns with the draft presented today.

The board discussed their concerns regarding the required training and education criteria for well drilling license types, and the proposed changes to well drilling license classifications in the proposed revised regulations presented today. It was determined

that George Sima and Vinnie Valente will meet to further discuss training and education criteria, and that DCP staff Richard Hurlburt and Cynthia Fernandez will meet to discuss the licensing aspect of the regulations. A Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting will be scheduled to take place in six weeks to further discuss this topic.

The following documents have been distributed to the Board for reference:

A) Well drilling definitions for clarification.

B) List of previous well drilling license types and titles for reference

C) Letters addressing concerns about the proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Regulations from the following companies:

- Water System Specialties, Thomaston, CT
- Greco & Haines, Derby, CT,
- H2O Equipment Company, East Hampton, CT
- Glastonbury Water Systems, Glastonbury, CT

2. Continuing education curriculum for the 2020-2021 cycle

Charles Appleby distributed a draft curriculum for the Board's review. Vinnie Valente and Charles Appleby will meet as a subcommittee to continue to draft the curriculum and will report to the Board at the next Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting, which will be scheduled to take place in six weeks.

3. Update on status of continuing education audit for the 2016-2017 cycle

- Income guidelines for financial hardship waiver request

Board so noted.

4. Review of continuing education evaluation forms for plumbing continuing education classes completed by licensees.

Board so noted.

5. Limited Residential Fire Sprinkler Work Regulation – License Types F-5/F-6 - Effective 7-8-2019

Board so noted.

6. Credential counts for trade licenses as of 5-13-19

Board so noted.

## 7. Online renewal data

Board so noted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 1. Occupational Boards Education Committee

This committee is being formed to establish the amount and type of experience and training required to establish an applicant for an examination for any license and will include members of the Electrical Work Examining Board, Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Board, and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board. The first meeting will take place on August 28, 2019.

The Board is interested in being involved in this committee and related discussion regarding experience and training requirements, and will contact the Department for more information on the upcoming meetings.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email from Frank DaCato, Unlimited Journeyman Board Member regarding his resignation from the Board as of May 23, 2019.

Board so noted.

2. Email from Tony Calandrino, Unlimited Journeyman Board Member regarding his resignation from the Board as of June 1, 2019.

Board so noted.

3. Letter from the Office of Governor Ned Lamont dated May 24, 2019 appointing Vinnie Valente as an Unlimited Journeyman Board Member.

Board so noted.

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

Gary Gauthier, Director of PMG Technical Resources Government Relations, International Code Council attended and stated that he is available to the Board as a resource to assist with the development of the portion of the continuing education curriculum for 2020-2021 that relates to ICC Codes, such as a providing a power point presentation and other related materials.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Applications Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- November 14, 2019

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