

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on November 14, 2019 at 9:04 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Tower, 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
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Members Absent:

Joyce Topshe	Public Member
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Board Vacancies:

Unlimited Journeyperson
Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

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

Others Present:

Dan Shapiro, Asst. Attorney General
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Larry Vallieres, Chairperson, Electrical Work Examining Board
John Schuyler, Chairman, Board of Accountancy
Larry Sima, Sima Drilling Co.
Paul Hurlbut, CT Water Well Assoc.
Jeremiah Weid, Barlow Pump

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

AUGUST 8, 2019 MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the August 8, 2019 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as written.

OCTOBER 1, 2019 MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting. Vinnie Valente stated that, at this meeting, he informed the Board that he would like to include the federally mandated 2 hours of sexual harassment training within the required 5 hours of continuing education for the 2020-2021 cycle, and that the Board raised no objection. Board members present today did not recall this conversation at the October 1, 2019 meeting.

After discussion, Vinnie Valente stated that he would acquiesce to the Board's decision to *not* include the federally mandated 2 hours of sexual harassment training within the required 5 hours of continuing education for the 2020-2021 cycle however, he requested that the recording be reviewed by the Department and an update be provided at the next regularly scheduled meeting for general business as to this discussion.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the October 1, 2019 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board, provided that they will receive clarification from the Department at the next regularly scheduled meeting for general business as to whether or not the sexual harassment training can be included within the continuing education training

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

PRESENTATION BY DAN SHAPIRO, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON CONDUCTING FORMAL HEARINGS

Dan Shapiro provided the Board with guidance regarding guidelines and procedures for formal hearings that occur before this Board.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 09/01/19 to 10/31/19. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints. Janita Hamel informed the Board that the following cases have been reopened and were included in this report in error: Case No. 2017-33, 2018-249, and 2018-49.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

Cynthia Fernandez was present and stated that she has received updates to the regulations to be made from Jerry Padula, and that she will email the Board with these changes so that they can review and vote on them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DCP Suspended licensure report

This item was tabled for additional information regarding this document until next regularly scheduled meeting for general business.

2. Stipulation agreement between Brian K. Lewis (PLM.0282571-P-1) and DCP dated 9-18-19

This item was tabled for additional information regarding this document until next regularly scheduled meeting for general business.

3. 2020 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council meetings

The Board voted unanimously to accept this schedule as drafted.

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

Board so noted.

5. Legal Division formal hearings will be held pertaining to cases from the Investigations Division on December 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Tower, Hearing Room A.

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- February 6
- May 14
- August 6
- November 5

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