

# MINUTES

## PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Christopher Bowman on October 8, 2020 at 9:11 and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

### Members Present:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyman
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyman
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyman
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

### Members Absent:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
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:

Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator  
Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney  
Todd Berch, Dept. of Labor, Apprenticeship Division

**Note:** The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For more information, contact Agency Website: [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp) Division E-Mail: [dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov)

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the June 25, 2020 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written.

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

None

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

The Board reviewed the following complaint status reports provided by the Investigations Division:

1. Complaint report dated 01-01-20 to 5-31-20
2. Complaint report dated 6-01-20 to 7-31-20

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Julianne Avallone, Legal Division Director, sent the following update via email prior to the meeting:

The regulations have been approved by the Office of Policy And Management and are now pending review by the Governor's Counsel's Office.

### **2. Application Review Working Group**

An Application Review Working Group has been established. The Board has determined that all applications except for those with a Connecticut Department of Labor letter of apprenticeship completion will come before this group.

Richard Hurlburt reported that the first meeting took place on October 7, 2020. Three applications were reviewed. One was approved and two will require additional documentation to make a determination.

### **3. Contractors not registering workers as apprentices**

At the February 6, 2020 meeting, discussion took place regarding the widespread issue of employees that are required to be registered as an apprentice upon hire not being registered by the contractor and possible solutions to the issue.

Discussion took place on this topic and the Board agreed that this remains an ongoing issue that they would like to address with DCP staff. The Board requested that Pamela

Brown, Director of Investigations, attend the November 5, 2020 meeting for further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion on online continuing education classes and extension of due date for completing classes for the 2020 cycle.**

General discussion took place regarding online classes that are taking place at this time. Classes seem to be going smoothly and no major problems were reported.

**2. Discussion of an extension of time to take on-line continuing education offerings going into the 2021 cycle.**

Discussion will take place on this topic at the November 5, 2020 meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Applications Analyst

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- November 5

**2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- January 28
- April 22
- July 29
- October 28