

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on February 6, 2020 at 9:08 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
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Members Absent:

George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
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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:

Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Program Director
Todd Belcourt, Investigator
Larry Sima, Sima Drilling Co.
Marcie Addy, Construction Education Center
Paul Hurlbut, CT Water Well Assoc.
Jeremiah Weid, Barlow Pump
Kevin Fulton

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the November 14, 2019 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting. (Joyce Topshe abstained)

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICANT TO APPEAR BEFORE BOARD FOR GUIDANCE:

1. Kevin Fulton, Groton, CT – P-2

Kevin Fulton appeared and submitted additional documentation. After discussion and a review of the documentation, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that DCP deny the application due to lack of registered 8,000 hours of on the job training. In addition, the Board voted unanimously to refer Kevin Fulton's previous employer, Tom Rovino, Tom's Plumbing and Heating, LLC, North Kingston, Rhode Island, to the DCP Investigations Division for investigation into the failure to register Kevin as an apprentice during his six year employment.

FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING:

1. Case No. 2016-360 - Christopher Ladd

Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney, informed Board that this formal hearing will not be going forward today. The Board voted unanimously to continue this hearing to another date.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Pamela Brown appeared and provided an overview of the complaint report dated 11-1-19 to 12-31-19. Pamela introduced newly hired Investigator Todd Belcourt to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clarification of continuing education requirements for the 2020-2021 cycle

At the November 14, 2019 meeting, the Board requested that the Department provide clarification as to whether or not sexual harassment training can be included in continuing education courses for the 2020-2021 cycle. The following determination has been made:

“DCP has determined that the federally mandated sexual harassment training hours requirements pertaining to employers cannot be included as part of the Continuing Education Course hours for licensees of the 2020-2021 five hour CE course, per regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.”

Board so noted.

2. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

Discussion took place regarding the Draft Well Drilling and Geothermal Regulations, Version No. 18.

(It was noted that there was an error in the years of training required for the W-1, W-2, in that it was stated as a 3 year training requirement, versus 2 years. Director Richard Hurlburt noted that this was acknowledged and will be corrected.)

Cynthia Fernandez will complete the edits, and the regulations will continue to move through the legislative process.

3. DCP Suspended licensure report

This item was tabled at the November 14, 2019 meeting for additional information regarding this document.

Board so noted.

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

This item was tabled at the November 14, 2019 meeting for additional information regarding this document.

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Board so noted.

2. Discussion regarding request for clarification from Construction Education Center regarding codes.

No discussion took place on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

1. Review of continuing education provider applications 2020-2021 cycle

The Board reviewed and approved the following applications:

- Construction Education Center, P-1 and P-2 license types
- Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777, P-1 and P-2 license types

2. Discussion regarding application review and credit for licensure from other jurisdictions

Leslie O'Brien informed the Board of the Department's goal to implement changes in the application processing procedure by establishing an Application Review Working Group and assigning one person from each Occupational Trade Licensing Board for this review. The group would consist of Director Richard M. Hurlburt, Todd Berch, Dept. of Labor Program Manager, and the Board representative.

After discussion regarding which applications should be reviewed by this working group, the Board voted unanimously that all applications except for those with a Connecticut Department of Labor letter of apprenticeship completion should come before this group.

3. Codes for 2020-2021 continuing education cycle

Charles Appleby noted that there are changes taking place in Massachusetts related to the venting of the material of high efficiency water heaters, and that he will present documentation regarding these changes to the Board for review.

4. Contractors not registering workers as apprentices

Discussion took place regarding this widespread issue of employees that are required to be registered as an apprentice upon hire not being registered by the contractor. This puts the employee at a disadvantage, as the hours worked are then not registered. It was noted that a solution may be to have the employees responsible for initiating the apprenticeship registration process with the Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Division.

This item will be further discussed at the May 14, 2020 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- May 14
- August 6
- November 5

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