

# MINUTES

## PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on June 25, 2020 at 9:10 a.m. and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

### Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyman
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyman
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyman
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

### Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling 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

### DCP Staff:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner  
Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division  
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division

### Others Present:

Marcel Veronneau, IMTI  
Marcie Addy, Construction Education Center  
Fred Mertz, IQ Electrical Training  
Gina Scumaci, PHCC/CODE  
Kim Glassman, Foundation for Fair Contracting  
Paul Hurlbut, CT Water Well Assoc.  
Michael Rosario, Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board member

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the February 6, 2020 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written.

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

None

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

1. A complaint report dated 01-01-20 to 5-31-20 was submitted by the Investigations Division and sent to the Board via email prior to today's meeting.

**Review of this report was tabled until the August 6, 2020 meeting.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations  
An updated draft document was sent to the Board via email prior to today's meeting.
2. Application Review Working Group
3. Contractors not registering workers as apprentices

**All Old Business agenda items were tabled until the August 6, 2020 meeting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Continuing education requirements**

- Discussion regarding on-line CE, extension of time to complete CE, or eliminate the CE for 2020 year.
- Document regarding continuing education: Proposed virtual live interactive classroom rules

**The following motion was made by Melissa Sheffy and seconded by Christopher Bowman:**

The Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board hereby requests that the Commissioner seek an amendment by Executive Order to Sec. 20-334d-1(c)(2) of the regulations for a temporary approval to allow for Plumbing Continued Education by way of Virtual-Live-Interactive Classroom online classes, in addition to that which is already approved. The approval shall be in accordance with the document entitled "Instructions and Requirements for Approved Providers Requesting Temporary Approval for an

online Virtual-Live-Interactive Classroom” dated May 8, 2020. This Executive Order shall expire on December 31, 2020.

After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

In favor: Appleby, Topsche, Sheffy, Bowman - 4

Opposed: More, Valente, Alfieri – 3

4 votes in favor; 3 votes opposed, and the motion carried.

(It was noted that the deadline for renewals of plumbing licenses remains 10/31/20, and that the expiration date of 12/31/20 reflected in this motion pertains to the executive order only.)

**The following motion was made by Jay More and seconded by Peter Alfieri:**

The Board recommends the suspension of fees and continuing education credits until at least Dec. 31, 2020.

After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

In favor: More, Valente, Alfieri – 3

Opposed: Appleby, Topsche, Sheffy, Bowman - 4

3 votes in favor; 4 votes opposed, and the motion did not carry.

**The following motion was made by Jay More and seconded by Vinnie Valente:**

The Board recommends that the Commissioner Seagull seeks a waiver for continuing credits from the Governor through an Executive Order. Those that wish to pursue an online class can continue to do that and will be credited to the next round of continuing education.

After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

In favor: More, Valente, Alfieri – 3

Opposed: Appleby, Topsche, Sheffy, Bowman - 4

3 votes in favor; 4 votes opposed, and the motion did not carry.

**The following motion was made by Vinnie Valente and seconded by Peter Alfieri:**  
The Board requests that DCP research the viability of offering continued education training online through the agency in the same format that CHRO utilizes for sexual harassment training relative to the Times Up Act

After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

In favor: More, Valente, Alfieri – 3

Opposed: Appleby, Topsche, Sheffy, Bowman - 4

3 votes in favor; 4 votes opposed, and the motion did not carry.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

Michael Rosario stated that he wasn't pleased with the format of the meeting, that he felt it was difficult for outside person to provide input to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Applications Analyst

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- August 6
- November 5