

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson on January 28, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Unlimited Journeyperson
Two Public Members

DCP Board Staff:

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

Others Present:

Michelle Seagull, DCP Commissioner
Pamela Brown, DCP Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator
Wilson Betances, DCP Investigator
Jerry Padula, DCP Staff Attorney
Howard Osden, DCP Office Supervisor
Gina Scumaci, PHCC/CODE
Jack Cawley
Walt Woycik
Peter Kelly

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the November 5, 2020 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Pamela Brown introduced Wilson Betances as a newly hired investigator for DCP. The Board wished him luck in this new position.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the complaint report dated 11-1-20 to 12-31-20 provided by the Investigations Division.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group – Update to be provided by designated board Member

Charles Appleby reported that Application Review meetings continue to take place monthly, and that there were approximately eight applications for review at the January meeting.

2. Continued education requirement modifications

Discussion took place regarding the modifications that have been put into place through Executive Order 9M, which will expire February 9, 2021. It was noted that there are many licensees that are still looking to attend an online or in person class to meet their requirements. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the following:

The Board recommends that Executive Order No. 9M be modified to extend the period during which course providers can continue offering interactive, online courses. This modification shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

The Board recommends that Executive Order No. 9M be modified to extend the deadlines for plumbers to complete their continuing education requirements from 2020 through any authorized means. This modification shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

3. Legal Administrative Hearings – Request for representative from AAG’s Office

At the November 5, 2020 meeting, the Board requested that they have a representative from the Attorney General’s Office attend Legal Administrative Hearings that come before this Board. The Board was advised to contact the Attorney General’s Office directly for this request.

At today’s meeting, continued discussion took place regarding the request to have a representative from the Attorney General’s Office attend Legal Administrative Hearings that come before this Board. Chairperson Charles Appleby will follow up with the AAG’s Office on this request.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The schedule for legal administrative hearings for the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board is as follows:

- February 23
- March 9
- March 23

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

April 22
July 29
October 28

2021 LEGAL HEARING SCHEDULE:

February 23
March 9
March 23