

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Christopher Bowman on July 29, 2021 at 9:10 a.m. and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Aaron Nachbar	Well Drilling Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Unlimited Contractor, Chairperson
James Piccoli, Unlimited Contractor
Vinnie Valente, Unlimited Journeyperson
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:

Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Manager
Cameron Champlin, Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board member
Michael Rosario, Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board member
Peter Kelly, International Association of Plumbers & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Gary Gauthier, ICC
Betsy Gara, Ct Water Works Association
Howard Osden, DCP, Office Supervisor

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 Division E-Mail: dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the April 22, 2021 and May 19, 2021 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the complaint report dated 5-01-21 to 6-30-21 provided by the Investigations Division and voted unanimously to approve this report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Well Drilling Regulations

A. Update on proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations by the Legal Division

Cynthia Fernandez, DCP Legal Division, submitted an email which included the following update: DCP is working with the Dept. of Public Health to finalize the last version of the Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

A. Update to be provided by designated Board Member

Designated Board Member Charles Appleby, Sr. was not in attendance today to provide an update on these meetings.

B. Review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses

At the April 19, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent:

<u>Out of state license type</u>	<u>Connecticut License Type</u>
Mass Unlimited Journeyman	CT P-2 Unlimited Journeyman

After review and discussion, the Board is in agreement that the licenses listed above are equivalent.

2. Appointment of Lance Hall Unlimited Journeyperson

After the meeting held of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board on May 19, 2021 in which Lance Hall had been sworn in as a new Unlimited Journeyperson member of this Board, it was determined that he did not qualify as a board member in the position of Unlimited Journeyperson, as he would have to be a member of a trade union which he no longer is, and therefore no longer qualifies to hold this appointment.

Connecticut general statutes Sec. 20-331. Examining boards.

(d) The Plumbing and Piping Work Board shall consist of twelve members who shall be residents of this state, one of whom shall be a general contractor or an unlimited contractor licensed for such occupations under this chapter, two of whom shall be unlimited contractors licensed for such occupations under this chapter, neither of whom at the time of appointment shall be a member or an employee of a member of a trade union or a party or an employee of a party to a contract with a trade union, one of whom shall be a well drilling contractor licensed pursuant to section 25-129, four of whom shall be unlimited journeymen licensed for such occupations under this chapter, who at the time of appointment shall be members of a trade union, and four of whom shall be public members.

Board so noted.

3. Substitute House Bill No. 6100 - Public Act 21-37 - An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement, Antitrust Issues, and the Palliative Use of Marijuana and Revisions to the Liquor Control Act

Bill No. 6100 includes changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the requirement for a right to cancel timeframe prior to performing work.

Board members expressed their concern about how these changes would affect the way they currently conduct business. Richard Hurlburt reported that DCP's Legal Division is in the process of addressing these concerns and potentially amending the language.

4. Proposal for new occupational license - Water meter installer

Discussion took place regarding the proposal of a new license for the installation, service, maintenance, or repair of residential water meters. The Board will schedule a Special Meeting during the week of August 2, 2021 to move forward with drafting a proposed limited license type for water meter replacement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 28