

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on August 12, 2021 at 10:02 p.m. and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Aaron Nachbar	Well Drilling Contractor
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyperson

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:

Maureen Magnan, DCP Deputy Commissioner
Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Director
Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney
Howard Osden, DCP Office Supervisor
Todd Berch, State Apprenticeship Director, CT Dept. of Labor
Betsy Gara, CWWA
Pat Kearney, Superintendent, Manchester Water and Sewer Dept., CWWA
Legislative Committee Officer
Cameron Champlin, Heating, Piping, Cooling, and Sheet Metal Work
Examining Board member
Larry Vallieres, Chairperson, Electrical Work Examining Board

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the August 3, 2021 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Special Board meeting as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

AGENDA ITEM:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR NEW OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE – WATER METER INSTALLER

The Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board previously met on August 3, 2021 to discuss the scope of work and requirements for a proposed limited water meter license. It was determined, at this meeting, that CWWA will submit a written scope of work for this license to be reviewed and integrated into existing proposed language.

Betsy Gara submitted a suggested scope of work, as well as a Work Control Plan from East National Water, LLC via email on August 11, 2021 for the Board's review and discussion at today's meeting.

Betsy Gara and Pat Kearney, Superintendent, Manchester Water and Sewer Dept and a Legislative Committee Officer for CWWA, took part in a discussion at today's meeting, which included the clarification of current practices for installing, repairing and maintaining water meters within the industry, the use of licensed and non-licensed individuals to do this work, and the need for a new limited license to be created.

Richard Hurlburt proposed that the previously submitted scope of work could be edited to include water meter replacement only, and that once an individual completes a required on the job training and course requirements, the license can be obtained without an examination.

Jay More reiterated that he suggests that his previously submitted proposed language be added to the scope of work in order to further clarify the limited nature of this proposed license.

After reviewing the Work Control Plan, Larry Vallieres expressed his concerns from his point of view as a licensed electrician and the Chairperson of the Electrical Work Examining Board. This topic will be discussed at the next Electrical Work Examining Board meeting taking place on Friday, August 13, 2021.

Betsy Gara indicated that CWWA has a board meeting scheduled for Friday, August 13 to discuss this topic, and that she will report to Board Members and Other interested parties after this meeting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:
October 28