

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FINAL
October 20, 2022

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Appleby, Sr at 9:01 a.m., via Zoom Webinar.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Charles Appleby, Sr., Unlimited Contractor, Chairperson Peter Alfieri, Unlimited Journeyperson Melissa Sheffy, Public Member Vinnie Valente, Unlimited Journeyperson Carlton H. Pember, IV, Unlimited Contractor (New) Joseph J. Pellecchia, Unlimited Contractor (New)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Kimberly Fortin, Unlimited Journeyperson Aaron Nachbar, Well Drilling Contractor John More, Unlimited Journeyperson
BOARD VACANCIES	Public members (3)
DCP STAFF PRESENT	Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigations Cynthia Fernandez, Attorney, Legal Division John Mesner, Program Manager, Investigations Shannon M. Rivera, License & Applications Analyst
PUBLIC PRESENT	Felix

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REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Appleby asked for a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes provided revision to the “2022 Current Board Meeting Schedule” with the removal of December 6 and correcting October 4 to reflect October 20. Board Member Alfieri motioned to approve, seconded by Board Member Sheffy. The motion passed unanimously.

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

Chairman Appleby announce the meeting Agenda would be moved up to start with his introduction of the two new Board Members followed by Attorney Fernandez swearing them in.

New Board Members Introduced and Sworn in:

1. Carlton H. Pember, IV- Unlimited Contractor.
2. Joseph J. Pellecchia- Unlimited Contractor.

- The Board welcomed and congratulated the new Board Members.

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

1. Pamela Brown introduced John Mesner as the newly appointed Occupational Trades Manager with the Division.

- The Board welcomed and congratulated Mr. Mesner.

2. Complaint Report Update- July 1, 2022- August 31, 2022.

- Janita Hamel reported there were ten new complaint files received during this time period. Ms. Hamel also stated two of the files received during this time period have already been closed. The Board so noted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Public Act No. 22-104 - An Act Concerning Cannabis Advertising and the Department of Consumer Protection’s Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Consumer Protection Statutes.** This public act includes changes to the occupational licensing statutes. Please refer to the link below:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/act/Pa/pdf/2022PA-00104-R00HB-05330-PA.PDF>

Action Item: The Chairman advised the board to review the link provided by Ms. Layman. Ms. Layman reviewed the document and noted page 59 (Sec. 37. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) Any contractor who is licensed under chapter 393) and page 66 (Sec. 42. Section 20-334d – section on continuing education, part 2) as relevant sections pertinent to this Board. Mr. Chairman requested that Miss Birdsong add again to the October 20, 2022, agenda.

- Chairman Appleby asked that this item be continued to the January 26, 2023 meeting and the pages specified made available at this meeting. The Board so noted.

2. Continued review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of Connecticut occupational trade licenses.

- Chairman Appleby stated there were not any applications received this month to put in front of the Application Review Working Group. The Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

1. Board Member Alfieri inquired regarding:

a. Whether active recruitment to fulfill Board vacancies will continue and requirements for Public Member consideration. Chairman Appleby stated recruitment continues for the fulfillment of Public Member vacancies and resume submission is the first step for consideration. Board Members may have their name included on the resume when making recommendations. The board so noted.

b. Hearings remaining. Attorney Fernandez stated she will review the original C.E. Hearing list to confirm how many remain and will follow up with the Board. The Board so noted.

2. Public meeting attendee, Felix, stated his interest in the Public Member vacancy. Chairman Appleby advised he submit his resume to Shannon Rivera to be forward to the Governor's Office. Mrs. Rivera provide her contact information and stated she is unfamiliar with the application process but will inquire and forward appropriately. The Board so noted.

3. Board Member Alfieri inquired if in- person Board meetings will resume in the future. Discussion continued to include Member meeting forum preference and the importance of meeting attendance, replies to invitations as well as attendee on- camera ability to take into consideration. Cynthia Fernandez stated she will make inquiries and follow up with the Board. The Board so noted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was presented by Board Member Alfieri and seconded by Board Member Sheffy. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Rivera
License and Applications Analyst
Board Coordinator

2023 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 26

April 26

July 27

October 26