

**PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 27, 2022**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on 9:11 at a.m. and was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.**

**Members Present:**

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Aaron Nachbar	Well Drilling Contractor
Vinnie Valente	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
John J. More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Kimberly Fortin	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

**Members Absent:**

None

**Board Vacancies:**

Three Public Members  
One unlimited Contractor

**DCP Staff Present:**

Richard M. Hurlburt, DCP Retiree Staff  
Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst  
Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Director  
Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator  
Pamela Brown, DCP Director, Investigation Division  
Cynthia Fernandez, DCP Staff Attorney  
Paul Grabowski, DCP Staff Attorney

**Others present:**

None

**Note:** The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the December 15, 2021 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as written.  
(Bowman, More)

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

None

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

The Board reviewed the complaint report dated 11-1-21 to 12-31-21 provided by the Investigations Division.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. 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 work. At the July 29, 2021 meeting, Board members expressed their concern about how these changes would affect the way they currently conduct business.

Leslie O'Brien reported to the Board that there had been a drafting error in the language that was initially included in this bill, and that language to correct these errors has been approved. Leslie will send the language to Board Chairpersons for their review.

### **2. Update on plumbing continued education for the 2022-2023 cycle**

#### **A. Change in due date for continued education**

The deadline for plumbing licensees to complete their continued education credits is now July 31, three months before the license renewal date, beginning with the 2022 renewal cycle. DCP is drafting notifications that will be sent to licensees to inform them of this change.

#### **B. Online option for continued education**

It was confirmed that online continued education is not an option at this time. Licensees must attend a class in-person.

**C. Continued education provider applications**

The submission of continued education provider applications will now be done online. Providers will be able to submit directly to DCP to make a more efficient, streamlined review and approval process.

**3. Update on well drilling regulations by DCP Legal Division**

Cynthia Fernandez reported that the proposed revisions in the well drilling regulations will not be further revised based upon public comments. The Department posted the Notice Of Decision to the e-regulation system. The next step is that the proposed regulations will be sent to the Attorney General’s Office for review, then to the LRRC (Legislative Regulation Review Committee).

To continue to pursue a revision to replacement well permitting, the next step is to work with DPH to revise the statutes in May, after the current legislative session ends, in preparation for the next session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Backflow Prevention Device**

The Board discussed current licensure requirements for backflow prevention devices.

**2. Application Review Working Group**

General disussion took place regarding the review of journeyperson and contractor applications at Application Review Working Group meetings. The Board requested that a meeting be scheduled with Paulette Annon to provide the Board with updated information regarding the review of applications with out of state licenses and equivalent experience and training at monthly Application Review Working Group meetings.

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

**A. At the October 21, 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>
Westchester County Journeyperson	CT P-2
Putnam County Journeyperson	CT P-2

**B. At the December 1, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent:**

Out of state license type

Connecticut License Type

Rhode Island Journeyman

CT P-2

**This item has been tabled until such time that a meeting can be scheduled with Paulette Annon to provide the Board with updated information regarding the review of applications with out of state licenses and equivalent experience and training at meetings.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

Cynthia Fernandez introduced Paul Grabowski, newly hired staff attorney for DCP.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License & Applications Analyst

**2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- April 21
- July 28
- October 20