

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on 9:05 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:

Kimberly Fortin,
Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies:

Three Public Members
One unlimited Contractor

DCP Staff Present:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Retiree Staff
Karen Layman, License and Applications
Analyst
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special
Investigator
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigation
Division
Benjamin Paholke, Staff Attorney

Others present:

David Waskowicz, Chairperson,
Fire Protection Sprinkler Work Examining Board

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made by Christopher Bowman, seconded by Peter Alfieri, to approve the draft minutes of the January 27, 2022 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board reviewed the complaint report dated 1-1-22 to 2-28-22 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.

DCP has revised the language in this Bill and it is being addressed as part of House Bill 5151 - An Act Concerning the Department of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Homemaker-Companion Agencies, Contractors, Heating Fuel, Food Establishments, Continuing Education, and Appraisals.

Board so noted.

2. Backflow Prevention Device

Discussion regarding licensure for backflow prevention devices

Excerpt from March 10, 2022 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board Draft Minutes, Agenda Item, Old Business, Backflow Prevention Device:

The Board would like to move forward with proposing changes to the regulations and/or statutes pertaining to this topic. This topic will be added to the April 21, 2022 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board agenda for discussion.

David Waskowicz was in attendance for a discussion regarding current licensure for the backflow prevention device and provided background regarding the concerns that have been expressed at previous Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board.

A motion was made by Christopher Bowman, seconded by Peter Alfieri, to table this item until the July 28, 2022 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting to allow Board Members to conduct the proper research on this topic. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Journeyman	CT P-2
Putnam County Journeyman	CT P-2

B. At the December 1, 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>
Rhode Island Journeyman	CT P-2

This item was tabled at the January 27, 2022 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

At today's meeting, discussion took place regarding out of state licenses and the equivalency of such licenses as compared to Connecticut licenses. The Board expressed their concern regarding the approval of applications on the basis of holding an out of state license without conducting the proper research.

The Board requested that documentation outlining the requirements that need to be met for the Westchester and Putnam County Plumbing Licenses listed above be forwarded for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

Chairperson Charles Appleby reported that this group continues to meet once a month to review and rule on applications.

**2. Review and approval of instructor for Continued Education classes
Construction Education Center – Anthony Silverio**

A motion was made by Christopher Bowman, seconded by Peter Alfieri, to approve Anthony Silverio as a continued education instructor for the Construction Education Center for the 2022-2023 cycle. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Well drilling regulations

The following update was provide by Richard Hurlburt:
The Regulations are scheduled to be heard on May 24th at 11am by the LRRC. The Department should have a decision of the Regulation Review Committee that day as to whether they are accepted as is or rejected without prejudice. After approval from the Regulation Review Committee, the Regulations will go to the Governor’s Office for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- July 28
- October 20