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**BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS**

APRIL 14, 2022 PLUMBING CODE MEETING

AGENDA

The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters conducted a remote Board meeting
on **Thursday, April 14, 2022, starting at 1:00 P.M.**

**In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the
Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters convened a regular monthly
meeting via telephone/video conference:**

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:

Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee	X	
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Ms. Karen Brann	Board Executive Director	X	



Mr. Christopher Ryan	Code Consultant	X	
Mr. Taylor Roth	State Plumbing Investigator		X
Mr. Scott Padden	State Plumbing Investigator		X
Mr. Fredrick Lima	State Plumbing Investigator		X
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Plumbing Investigator		X

1:05 P.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Joseph McNamee

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

The chair called the meeting to order and read opening statements. He indicated the Board was conducting a public listening session to hear opinions of the draft of the plumbing code on the website. He noted that the Board was not entertaining comments about the gas code, licensing, or alternative codes. Finally, he noted the Board was only conducting the meeting to obtain public input, it would not be deliberating on the code at this meeting. The following is a summary of the information provided by the participants:

Andy Freburg, Frankfurt Electric Pump Co. – Mr. Freburg indicated that in 248 CMR 10.05 Table 5, the number of toilets servicing each gender, based on gpm exceeds the hunters curve for demand for toilets in his opinion. He indicated he would follow up on this opinion in writing. Later in the meeting Mr. Freburg requested that the code clarify the meaning of full size discharge for a sewer ejector pump.

William Nash, International Code Council – Mr. Nash indicated he previously submitted comments in writing. Mr. Nash began by introducing his organization, and then suggested that challenges board has seen in code issues involving variances could be solved by moving to a model code. He also indicated his organization had resources which could be utilized by the Board. After staff reminded him of the purpose of the session, he advised that he would follow up in writing with specific suggestions regarding 248 CMR.

Gary Gauthier, International Code Council – Mr. Gauthier reiterated Mr. Nash's information regarding his organization, no specific changes to 248 CMR were suggested.

Tucker Bell, Stream – With regards to 248 CMR 10.09, had some concerns about utilizing product accepted pumps in lieu of oil gas separators in elevator pits, he requested code clarification.

Peter Defreitas, - Mr. Defreitas indicated he supported the efforts to amend the code but needed more time to go over the draft. Some definitions, such as building drain v. building sewer, would need tweaking, clarification might be needed on modular v. manufactured buildings for testing. He indicated that he would follow-up with written comments.

Thompson, Plumbing Manufacturers International.- Suggested allowing smaller shower components referencing a prior written code change suggestion, was uncertain regarding the section of the code governing waterless urinals, though no change to that section suggested.

Daniel Gliberman, Sloan Valve Company – Wants clarification on non-water and waterless fixtures and if any prohibition exists, which his company would oppose.

Chris Costa – Mr. Costa gave congratulations to the Board on working on the code draft. He did not have any suggestions at this time.

Jennifer McHale – Wants a definition to the word occupied to clarify if some buildings don't need fixtures. She also suggested a distinction between interior and exterior installations such as an outside train station. Finally, she requested clear guidance of where plumbing jurisdiction ends when a building is not present.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:46 p.m., having heard comments from all members of the public present, RA made a motion to adjourn. This motion seconded by JW and was approved unanimously with each member voting yes.

ITEMS RELIED UPON IN MEEING

Agenda