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

AUGUST 4, 2021 BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters requires your presence at a remote Board meeting on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

It is anticipated that the topics shown below will be discussed at the aforementioned meeting:

Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter		
Mr. David Sullivan	Member, DPL Designee		x
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber		
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer		
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber		
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health		
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel		
Ms. Karen Brann	Board Executive Director		
Ms. Mary Collins-McCarthy	Associate Executive Director		
Mr. Taylor Roth	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. Scott Padden	State Plumbing Investigator		



Mr. Fredrick Lima	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. Joseph Peluso	Board Consultant		
Mr. George Abban	Board Consultant		

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Joseph McNamee

UP COMING MEETING VENUE

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency upcoming meeting venue may change

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2021 – Open Meeting Minutes

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to approve the Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Board meeting,

Results: Motion passed (BK abstained)

July 7, 2021 – Open Meeting Minutes

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to approve the Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Board meeting,

Results: Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION

D1 – CORI policy

Changes were made to the CORI policy to clarify the language.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by RA to accept the changes to the CORI policy.

D2 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

The Board discussed holding the September 1, 2021, meeting in person at the City of Taunton Council Chambers located at 15 Summer Street, Taunton. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, holding the meeting in person will be revisited over the next few weeks to confirm if the meeting will be held in person or if the Board will continue holding virtual meetings for the time being.

PRESENTATION - Oil Minder Liquidator

Andy Reichlin – Industrial Flow Solutions

Andy Reichlin from Industrial Flow Solutions, gave an overview of the Oil Minder Liquidator products; the Valve Liquidator System and Duplex Liquidator system. The liquidator systems separate water and hydrocarbons, without interruption, to meet interpretations of ASME 17.1 2.2.2.5 requirements to remove all liquids from sump pits. Liquidator products can pump out both oil and water.

Vote: A motion was made by TW and seconded by HK, to allow 10 test sites, with quarterly reports to the Board, for full approval.

Results: Motion passed (JC and BK against vote)

TEST SITE APPLICATION

PIER 4 CONDOMINIUMS THE RESIDENCES AT PIER 4 300 PIER 4 SOUTH BOSTON

The Petitioner Paul Errigo (from Green Crown Water Systems) is seeking to install a flow control device called the GMP 2k, which will have a positive effect on water conservation saving the property approximately 650,000 gallons of water and over \$14,000 per year.

Vote: A motion was made by BK and seconded by JW to deny the test site application.

Results: Passed unanimously.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV- 367 Riverview Suites-UMASS Lowell Dorm -1291 Middlesex Street - Lowell

The Petitioner (Andrew Porter) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.06 to allow the use of PVC Piping for 5 handwashing sinks in 5 separate classrooms, which are currently, used for general purposes (classrooms) and proposed to be for Physical Therapy and Kinesiology classrooms. The applicant has stated they have been unable to locate any cast iron or commercial piping to tie into.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by BK grant the variance request from 248 CMR, to allow the five sinks to be pumped instead of gravity drain. The piping system to be pumped shall be compliant with materials required for commercial installations and an option to either re-pipe the building drain to compliant commercial piping or run a new building drain from the foundation wall and tie in outside the building.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-241 FORGE POND REALTY – 12 FORGE POND ROAD – CANTON

The Petitioner (Paul MacDougall from MacDougall Plumbing) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.14 . The petitioner initially selected the Turbomax 109 instantaneous tank less water heating system to be used with a smaller pump that would keep the total recovery system to less than 200,000 BTUs. They found that this would not provide the adequate amount of hot water. They increased the pump size which increased the system above 200,000 BTUs

Motion: A motion was made by HK and seconded by JC to table the variance request to the September 1, 2021 meeting.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV- 384 Smith College Libraries – 7 Weilson Drive – Northampton

This is a Post Installation Variance request. The petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR section 10.10 (18) (multiple areas), for labelling the bathrooms The Neilson Library multi fixture bathroom toilet compartments have floor to ceiling stalls, each with its own exhaust ventilation, fire alarm beacons, fire protection devices, and lighting. Separate individual use bathrooms are also available to patrons and staff on each floor level of the library. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by RA to approve the variance request to change labeling of the bathrooms as “men” or “women” to simply “restroom”.

Results: Motion passed (JM recused)

PV-414 NEW ENGLAND CRYOGENIC CENTER INC. – 500 DONALD J. LYNCH BLVD – MARLBOROUGH

The Petitioner (Stephen Coduri from Dan-Cel Plumbing) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (a) for relief from the requirement that waste from two new proposed sinks flow by gravity to the sewer of the building. The building is believed to have structural slab making trenching and saw cutting of the floor prohibitive, the path to open up the slab would cross the main entrance and lobby to the facility which is in operation 24 hours, the closest plumbing services are over 100' away from the area. It is unlikely the petitioner will be able to pitch new 2" drainage piping at 1/3" per foot below the slab. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by BK and seconded by JW to approve the variance request from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (a) for relief from the requirement that waste from two new proposed sinks flow by gravity to the sewer of the building. The piping shall be compliant with 248 CMR, Section 10.13 listed materials.

Results: Motion passed (WT abstained)

PV-415 SARAH BERNARD – 33 BEETLEBUNY ROAD – CHILMARK

The Petitioner (Walter Parker from The Old School Plumber) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR to use older plumbing fixtures for a project. The local Board of Health has been notified. The Petitioner is seeking relief to use the following unlisted antique fixtures:

- #1 - Tub fill and tub
- #2 – Additional tub
- #3 – Additional tub
- #4 – Double bowl kitchen sink
- #5 – Mop sink
- #6 – Pottery sink
- #7 Copper sink

Vote: A motion was made by HK and seconded by WT to grant the variance request from 248 CMR to use the seven older plumbing fixtures presented with the variance application, on the condition that the tubs have non-slip surfaces and the faucets are Massachusetts product approved.

Results: Motion passed (JC was not in the meeting when the vote was taken)

PV-436 – COMMONWEALTH PIER - 200 SEAPORT BLVD – BOTON

The Petitioner (James Pockey from Turner Construction) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (11) (a) to add back water valves on the sanitary and storm drain mains that leave the building prior to connecting to the street infrastructure. The Petitioner is seeking relief to install on the mains instead of all branch line connections. This is a state project.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK approve the variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (11) (a) to add back water valves on the sanitary and storm drain mains that leave the building prior to connecting to the street infrastructure.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-437- GOOGLE – 4 CAMBRIDGE CENTER – CAMBRIDGE

The Petitioner (Keith Flanders from Cosentini) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (18) for relief from the requirements for separate toilet facilities. The petitioner is seeking to transform a female restroom and a male restroom into one gender neutral restroom. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and Seconded by JW to grant the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (18) for relief from the requirements of separate male and female toilet facilities on the second floor of the above noted building, as presented in the variance request. The petitioner is seeking to transform a female restroom and a male restroom into one gender neutral restroom.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV- 438 MBTA – 599 BURGIN PARKWAY – QUINCY

The (Petitioner Jennifer McHale from STV Incorporated) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.02 (6) (b), to eliminate the need for sanitary facilities at the MBTA Quincy Bus Maintenance Facility Switching Building. The building only houses electrical switchgear equipment and is adjacent to the main Bus Maintenance Facility building where there are restrooms. This is a state project.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to grant your variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.02 (6) (b), to eliminate the need for sanitary facilities at the MBTA Quincy Bus Maintenance Facility Switching Building. The building only houses electrical switchgear equipment and is adjacent to the main Bus Maintenance Facility building where there are restrooms.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV- 439 BAKE N JOY – 335 WILLOW STREET – NORTH ANDOVER.

The Petitioner (Larry Couto from LC Mechanical) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (9) table 1, to use bottled water instead of having a water cooler. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JW to approve the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (9) table 1, to use bottled water instead of having a water cooler.

Results: Motion passed (JC did not vote)out of room

PV- 440 RAGON INSTITUTE – 600 MAIN STREET – CAMBRIDGE

The Petitioner (Paul Moan from Code Red Consultants) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Sections 10.10 (18) (b) (1)(b) and 10.10 (18) (i)(1) to allow utilize gender neutral restrooms. Each toilet room core will include single user toilet rooms with full height partitions. Single- sex restrooms will also be provided. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to grant the variance request from 248 CMR, Sections 10.10 (18) (b) (1)(b) and 10.10 (18) (i)(1), to allow gender neutral restrooms with common area lavatories on floors one through five at a single location on each floor. Each toilet room core will include single user toilet rooms with full height partitions.

Results: Passed unanimously

**PV-441 NEW ENGLAND FUTBOL CLUB – 400 CEDAR HILL STREET –
NORTHBOROUGH**

Post Variance

The Petitioner (Lincoln Architects) is seeking a variance from 2489 CMR, Section 10.10, the local officials suggested that the petitioner explore the option of classifying the building as an A-3 use. When plumbing permit was pulled it was classified as a business. When Plumbing Inspector went to site he asked where the showers were for this type of facility. They are now trying to reclassify it as an A Group facility. The Petitioner doesn't feel showers are necessary. Vote: A motion was made by JC and seconded by JW to deny the variance request.

Results: Motion passed (SB abstained)

**PV-442 – DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – 299 HIGHLAND STREET –
WORCESTER**

The Petitioner (Kevin Seaman from Seaman Engineering) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1, to eliminate/ or reduce the number of plumbing fixtures in the new field house due to lack of space and number of spectators attending games. The proposed bleachers are proposed to seat 1500. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by HK and seconded by JW, to approve the variance request from 248 CMR, 10.10 (18) Table 1, to reduce the number of plumbing fixtures in the new field house by 50% as proposed in the variance application.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-454 HOME DEPOT – 495 WOBURN STREET – TEWKSBURY

Post variance

The Petitioner (Frederico Chiappina from MacGregor Associates Architects) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.00 and 10.10 18 (i) for relief from the distance of the nearest bathroom being more than 300'. The local Board of Health has been notified

PV-455 DEMI HARJANTO – 17 PARKVALE AVE #5 – BROOKLINE

The Petitioner (Paul Peters from Paul's Plumbing) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (a) 2 to use a pump on a third floor bathroom in lieu of gravity. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by HK and seconded by WT to grant the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (10) (a) 2 to allow the use of a Saniflo system with a pan supplied with an alarm.

Result: Passed unanimously

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Continued use of 1-1/2” tub drain for shower conversion

DAPV-413	Michael Donnelly	10 Seaport Drive Unit 2614	Quincy
PV-414	New England Cryogenic Center	500 Donald J. Lynch Blvd	Marlborough
DAPV-416	Catherine Coyle	99 Murdock St	Brighton
DAPV-417	Mike and Joyclyn Hagerty	3 douglas Park Unit314	Boston
DAPV-418	Brenda Columbus	53 Gates Rd	Saugus
DAPV-419	Wendy Page	1Watermill Place Unit 216	Arlington
DAPV-420	Paul Katz	8 Whittier Place Unit 2F	Boston
DAPV-421	Diana Butera	9 Miller	Everett
DAPV-422	Diane and Larry Ducette	7 Fenton St	Peabody
DAPV-423	Mark and Denis Drew	147 Sylvan St 11A	Danvers
DAPV-424	Rafael Valentin	4 Dominique Dr	Webster
DAPV-425	Alison O'Connor	152 lebanon ST	Malden
DAPV-426	Brenda Byron	120 Parker St 12	Acton
DAPV-427	Amanda Cronin	154 Clear Pond Dr	Walpole
DAPV-428	Chris Shibel	24 Country Hill Land	Haverhill
DAPV-429	Elizabeth Barone	7 Shepard Rd	Braintree
DAPV-430	Kathy and George Taylor	24 Eagle Drive 24	Tewksbury
DAPV-431	Jane Moffatt	645 W Lowell Ave #5	Haverhill
DAPV-432	Raffi Ayanyan	152 Dale Street	Waltham
DAPV-433	Maryann Getchell	1 Mount Vernon Ave	Boston
DAPV-434	Alma Bournazian	22 Grove Place unit 27	Winchester
DAPV-435	Rafael and Denise Ricardo	46 Amesbury St Unit 3D	Lawrence
DAPV-443	Floyd and Donna Richardson	382 Putnam Ave	Cambridge

DAPV-444	Ronald and Sarah Swain	14 Evergreen Road	Reading
DAPV-445	Tony Giarrusso	26 Kingston Street	North Andover
DAPV-446	Ted and Julie Standish	107C Ridgefield Circle	Clinton
DAPV-447	Tom and Kathy Gerecke	402 Pine Brook Drive	Peabody
DAPV-448	Keyla Guerrero-Santana	20 Huss Court Unit 206	Lynn
DAPV-449	Beth Gannon	10 Janet Road, Unit 7	South Eaton
DAPV-450	Jeff Krainess	5 Washington Ave	Provincetown
DAPV-451	Jim Madden	905 Pheasant Lane	Middleboro
DAPV-452	Naresh Parmar	5 A Codderre Way	Andover
DAPV-453	Denise Kelliher	43 Bay Path Lane	Rockland

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SPECIAL PERMISSION PLUMBING

SPP – 7 FY-21 – UMass Amherst – 1 Campus Center Way - Amherst

Special permission plumbing was granted for the installation of a reclaimed piping system serving cooling towers in the Lincoln Campus Center.

DAGV – 137 – JOSEPH’S MIDDLE EAST BAKERY, INC. – 32 INTERNATIONAL WAY – LAWRENCE

A variance was granted from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) for full operation of a natural gas fired CH Babb direct fired tunnel oven with Flynn Burners, total BTU input 5,552,000, located at the above referenced address.

DAGV – 93 – WATERS CORPORATION – 177 ROBERT TREAT PAINE DRIVE - TAUNTON

A variance was granted from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) for full operation of a natural gas fired Anguil Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer located at the above address.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PROJECT APPLICATION

PIONEER VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – 781, 785, 787 BURTS PIT ROAD NORTHAMPTON

The petitioner (Adam Poplaski and Armand Lamour from Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School) is seeking approval for a vocational school residential project to install underground DWV, install upper rough DWV and water piping. Students will learn about proper

venting methods, pipe pitch and good plumbing workmanship. No gas work is included in the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHARACTER REVIEW(S)

CR1) J. K.
CR 2) W.R.
CR 3) W.D
CR 4) A.G.

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION

(Disciplinary decisions - Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18)

ADJOURNMENT

Note:

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in this Plumbing Board meeting. **All requests should be submitted to Cheryl Yebba at**

(617)-727-4992 no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled Board Meeting.

While the Board of Examiners of Plumbers & Gas Fitters will attempt to honor all requests, those requests received after that date may not be provided due to feasibility.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Karen R. Brann

Karen Brann, Executive Director
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Joseph McNamee

Joseph McNamee., Chairman
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters