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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.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:

Member and Staff Attendance

: MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, 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	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call. Where each member voted in favor, the vote will be reported as unanimous.

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2023 Regular Session
Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

August 2, 2023 Executive Session
Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

June 28, 2023 Executive Session
Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

September 6, 2023 Regular Session
Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

July 12, 2023 Regular Session
Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

September 6, Executive Session
Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

August 2, 2023 Regular Session
Vote: JC to approve, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously Approved

Discussion

Discussion 1

Criteria and delegation to staff to approve additional examination attempts for those failing more than 6 times.

Board Counsel Kilb presented to the Board a proposal giving delegated authority to the Board Office to approve additional exam attempts for test takers. The proposal would use a standard process of approving additional exam attempts following the completion of specific educational requirements. The Board asked for a written proposal to be considered at a future meeting.

Discussion 2

Evan Madden of Portland Loo discussed their product, a single occupancy prefabricated unit with an integrated water closet and lavatory (designed to serve as an external stand-alone public restroom once tied into existing plumbing), which is not on the Massachusetts Plumbing Accepted Products Database.

The Board asked Madden a variety of questions regarding the operation of the Portland Loo including the seasonal use of the outside hand wash sink, which would freeze if operated during the winter.

Vote: WT to deny, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously denied.

Discussion 3

Mark Bartkiewicz, and Kyle Bottorff of Fulton Boiler Works, discussed their gas train that would reposition the required gas regulator as stated in 248 CMR Section 7.

The Board asked for clarification on the new location of the low gas pressure regulator switch, their stated hardship, and what operational advantages were to be gained by moving the low gas pressure gas regulator switch.

The Board took no action on this matter. They decided such a request would require a code change and a Code Change Form was sent to the presenter.

Discussion 4

The Plumbing Board Office is seeking clarification on the water temperature limit for dog washing fixtures.

The Board discussed the acceptable high temperature limits and the need for a policy to regulate temperatures for dog wash sinks hair salon sinks. Upon conferring with Board Counsel Kilb, the Board decided to include language to address this temperature in the upcoming code review process.

Variances

23-PV-1053 Peter Radzim, 450 State Road, North Dartmouth

The petitioner for the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (h) to allow faculty and students to share the same toilet facilities in a former mercantile space. State inspector Fred Lima has been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV- 1036 Hershal Patel, 600 Memorial Drive, Chicopee

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.08 Table 1, to allow the installation of an 1 ½ drainpipe on 72 showers as part of a hotel remodeling project. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-1038, Jim Riley, 475 Franklin Village Drive, Suites 48 and 50, Franklin

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Minimum Facilities to allow just one restroom for both employees and customers at Dogtopia, a dog day care facility. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve, RA seconded, JC abstained, JW absent

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-1054, Jonathan Buell, 115 Industrial Drive, Northampton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1, to allow the removal of the shower in the men's room, to be replaced by a second toilet. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-1056, David Renzello, 248 Main Street, Unit 216, Hudson

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (c), Shower Compartments, to allow the installation of a shower base that does not meet the 30" finished interior dimension requirements. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-1057, Pete DiGiano, 64 Alrick Avenue, Quincy

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (c), Shower Compartments, to allow the installation of a shower base that does not meet the 30" finished interior dimension requirements. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

1st vote: WT to table, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

2nd vote: WT to deny, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-1058, Pete DiGiano, 333 Weir Street, Taunton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (c), Shower Compartments, to allow the installation of a shower base that does not meet the 30" finished interior dimension requirements. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

1st vote: BK to table, WT seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

2nd consideration: Petitioner withdraws variance application

23-PV- 1059, James Peterson, 331 East 8th Street, Boston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.14 (4) Designing and Sizing the Building Water Distribution System, to allow the installation of a 2” water main in lieu of the 4” water main that is required by code. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to deny, JC seconded, JW abstained
Results: RA to approve, WT, JC, BK, HK, JW, DK to deny- Variance is denied

23-PV-948, Thomas Neal, 26 Dartmouth Street, Westwood

The petitioner is asking for reconsideration of this variance which was denied at the Board meeting of 9/28/2023. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.13 (1)(L)(3) Emergency Eyewash Stations to allow for the installation of eyewash stations to be located outside of the R & D dry room. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

1st vote: WT to deny, BK seconded, HK abstained
Results: WT rescinded motion
2nd vote: DK to approve, No member seconded, HK abstained
3rd vote: BK to deny, JW seconded, HK abstained
Results: BK, JW, JC, JM to deny, WT, RA, DK to approve- variance denied
4th vote: BK to approve with written approval from ANSI, JC seconded, HK abstained
Results: Unanimously approved

Vote: JC motion to go into Executive Session, BK seconded
Results: Unanimously approved at 11:15 a.m. to go into Executive Session

Vote: JC to adjourn after Executive Session, DK seconded
Results: Unanimously approved to adjourn at 11:25

**BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT
REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHARACTER REVIEWS

1- P.I.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

23-SPP-659-Christopher Guilmet-200 West St Waltham

The installation of a Reject/Reclaimed Water system for the use of a trap primer in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

23-DAFV-870-HIP Transaction Services-1450 Osgood St N. Andover

The request for product acceptance for one (1) **WuduMate Foot Bath** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

23-DAFV-895-Nathan Rosazza-580 Main St Agawam

The request for product acceptance for one (1) **Baptistery Tank** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

23-DAFV-752-Patrick Melvin- 1170 Hancock St Quincy

The request for product acceptance for one (52) **Luxier CS-021 Lavatory Sink** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

23-VSP-1008 –Gregory Stephanos-Leominster High School

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for 2 bathrooms, 1 kitchen and 1 laundry connection located at 12 Roch Ave Leominster

23-VSP-1035 –Matt Flynn- Keefe Regional VTHS

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for 1 full bathroom located at 57 Cypress St Framingham

23-VSP-1051 –Kevin Martin- Monty Tech

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a single-family residence located at 50 Granit St Acton.

23-VSP-1052 –Tyler Peters- Greater Lawrence VTHS

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing and gas for a single-family residence located at 5 Frost Ave Methuen.

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

Varduhi Nahapetyan	3 Tilton Ct	Walpole
Daniel Serafin Jr	770 Salisbury St Unit 574	Worcester
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David Renzello	414 Sea St	Quincy

David Renzello	23 Reservoir Dr	Bellingham
David Renzello	19 Harbor Hill Dr	Bourne
David Renzello	20 Valley Rd	Dracut
Jennifer Bylo	6 Felton Rd	Peabody
Jennifer Bylo	9 Lafayette Ave	Danvers
Jennifer Bylo	7b Masi Meadow Ln	Middleton
Rene Dionne	64 Main St Unit 26B	Stoneham
Rene Dionne	44 Cheryl Ln	Holliston
Rene Dionne	278 High St Ext	Lancaster
Rene Dionne	17 Flint St	N Reading
Rene Dionne	27 Exchange St	Leominster
Rene Dionne	19 Whittemore St	Gloucester
Rene Dionne	6 Fowler St	Westfield
Rene Dionne	D2-6 Lydon Ln	Halifax
Rene Dionne	45 Lakeside Ave #16	Marlborough
Rene Dionne	36 Macarthur Rd	Natick
Rene Dionne	15 Algonquin Rd	Worcester
Rene Dionne	93 Rivers Ave	Chicopee
Rene Dionne	75 Rockaway St	Lynn
Rene Dionne	3 Mercury Circle	Andover
Rene Dionne	20 Boundary Ave	Brockton
Rene Dionne	1155 Samoset Rd	Eastham
Rene Dionne	75 Ash St	Northbridge
Rene Dionne	7 Welch Way	E Freetown
Rene Dionne	26 Enterprise St	Brockton
Rene Dionne	418 Princeton Blvd	Lowell
Rene Dionne	441 Buck Island Rd # H1	W. Yarmouth
Tom Higgins	15 Howe St	Milton
Kevin Calvin	187 Acton Rd	Chelmsford
Kurt Bruce	13 Bancroft St	Auburn
Yeng Fong	220 California St	Newton
Pete DiGiano	5239 N Main St Unit 11	Fall River
Pete DiGiano	333 Weir St	Taunton
Pete DiGiano	200 Wood Ave	Boston
Pete DiGiano	225 Pond St	Bridgewater
Pete DiGiano	19 Lively Ln	Springfield
Pete DiGiano	75 Trevor Ln	Brewster
Pete DiGiano	80 Broadway Unit 56	N Attleborough
Michael Blomerth	21 Juliette Rd	Saugus

Michael Blomerth	13 Walnut St	Saugus
Michael Blomerth	48 Fox Meadow Rd	Leominster
Michael Blomerth	66 Christopher Rd	Waltham
Michael Blomerth	132 Marshall St	Methuen
Michael Blomerth	71 Trull Ln E	Lowell
Rene Dionne	74 Evans St	Weymouth
Rene Dionne	71 Vining	Southwick
Rene Dionne	51 Gregory St	Marblehead
Jennifer Bylo	22 Railroad St #510	Andover
Jennifer Bylo	44 Elm St	Worcester
Anthony Bedore	16 Squassick Rd	W Springfield
Jeff Sanphy	1600 Mass Ave #707	Cambridge
Daniel Cohen	46 Stow Rd	Sandwich
Daniel Reif	158 Windswept Dr	Wareham
Debbie Carr	48 sadys Ln	Falmouth
Rachel Bruno	7 Post Oak Ln Unit 4	Natick
David Renzello	5 Brandt Circle	Beverly
David Renzello	248 Main St #216	Hudson
David Renzello	406 Paradise Rd Unit 3Q	Swampscott
David Renzello	1 Thomas Clews RD	Medford
David Renzello	47 Louise Ave	Methuen
David Renzello	209 Main St	Shrewsbury
Rene Dionne	79 Fountain Ln # 2	Weymouth
Donald Barrows	131 Dexter Rd	Marion
Pete DiGiano	333 Weir St	Taunton
James Petersen	331 E. 8th St	Boston
David Renzello	248 Main St # 216	Hudson
David Renzello	406 Paradise Rd Unit 3Q	Swampscott
David Renzello	47 Louise Ave	Methuen
David Renzello	5 Brandt Circle	Beverly
David Renzello	21 Maple St	Ayer
David Renzello	2 1/2	Haverhill
David Renzello	102 Four Mile Village	Boxford
Jennifer Bylo	4 Crestview Dr #55	Spencer
Jennifer Bylo	22 Court Way	Brewster
Jennifer Bylo	1856 Beacon St 6C	Brookline
Rene Dionne	391 Hildale Ave	Haverhill
Rene Dionne	95 Westminster	Arlington
Rene Dionne	16 Harvey Rd	Attleboro

Rene Dionne	624 Osterville W Barnstable Rd Unit 3	Barnstable
Rene Dionne	8 Barber Rd	Hopkinton
Rene Dionne	15 Boatswains Way	Chelsea
Eric O'Keefe	14 Anderson Rd	Chicopee
Jonathan Mayer	1112 Pennigton Dr	Walpole
Jonathan Mayer	841 Union St	E Bridgewater
Pete DiGiano	286 Peekskill Ave	Springfield
Pete DiGiano	70 Malibu	Springfield

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.