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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 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 Late	
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	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

None

Discussion

Patrick Shea of Emerson Swan, discussed the acceptable levels of CO sensors used in commercial kitchens as part of the MA modification.

Shea, Board members, and state inspectors Padden and Lima, discussed CO monitoring vs. CO detecting and acceptable levels of CO in a commercial kitchen and interlock controls on gas piping utilized on hood equipment. Counsel Kilb gave guidance to the Board that these changes should be dealt with via a code change/revision. Until that code change is implemented, the Board Office will draft a policy that states that level of CO above 35PPM is unsafe.

Board members discussed CO monitoring and activation levels on gas equipment in commercial kitchens. They discussed the differences in CO monitoring and CO detection.

Variance Request

Re-address from June 7, 2023

23-PV-532 – Abraham Bilo, 38 Highgate Road, Wellesley

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a Saniflo-pump for two sinks that are located above the building drain. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved, JW absent

Appeal of Inspector's Decision

23-AID-607 Greg Belleville, 6 Foster Street, Salem

The parties giving testimony were sworn in, exhibits accepted, and each party was given an opportunity to present their positions. The Board engaged in no deliberation in open session. The chair notified the parties that a written decision would thereafter be issued explaining the Board's decision.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The chair announced that the remaining agenda items would be in closed session and the Board did not anticipate any matters for open session and would be adjourning upon the conclusion of the Investigative Conference.

A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK at 10:18 AM to conclude the Open Session portion of the meeting and enter a closed Quasi-Judicial Session, then the Executive Session portion of the meeting per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 to discuss the applicant's character, rather than competence, and to discuss an applicant's mental health. Each member voted yes. The chair announced that the Board would adjourn at the end of the Executive Session with no further open session items.

QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION

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

The Board engaged in deliberations in the matter of 23-AID-607 Greg Belleville, 6 Foster Street, Salem

Upon conclusion of deliberations, the Board identified its decision for the record:

Vote: HK voted to dismiss the appeal, seconded by JW.

Results: The Board voted unanimously to dismiss the appeal.

A written decision will be sent to the parties.

At 10:36, the Board moved into Executive Session

Executive Session

See separate minutes

Adjournment

At 1:36 p.m. the Board returned to open session to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn by HK, the motion was seconded by RA. Motion passed unanimously.

Items relied upon in Meeting

Agenda

Correspondence

Variance Applications