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

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 2, 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***

<b>: MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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	
<b>STAFF</b>			
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**

**Discuss/Vote** – Special Administration request to revise pending amendments to 248 CMR 10.00 with regards to a proposed new code section presently entitled “Multi-User/Gender Neutral Toilet Rooms.”

Vote:: HK to approve, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**Portland Loo** 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.

Vote: HK to table pending further details, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

### **Essex County Sheriff's Office**

Sean Gallagher of the Essex County Sheriff's Office discussed offering Tier 1 plumbing class to pre-release inmates.

Vote: WT to support, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

### **Peterson School**

Chris Faucher of the Peterson School discussed conducting some very basic hands-on projects during their Basic Plumbing Class.

NO ACTION TAKEN

### **Variance Requests**

**23-PV-728 Emily Duffy, 5 Main Street, Williamsburg**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy to allow for a shared, gender-neutral toilet room with a communal sink, in lieu of separate gendered toilet rooms within a multi-use commercial space. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-748 Robert Johnson, 12 Montvale Ave, Woburn**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy to allow a reduced number of fixtures than the code requires. This is an 1870 sq ft. commercial space used as an appointment-only personal training studio. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-749 Christopher Orefice, 20 School Street, Sunderland**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18)(i) Employee Toilet Facilities for (non-industrial) Establishments to allow the installation of a urinal with partitions to be installed in a single-user, gender-neutral toilet room that also has a toilet that is partitioned. This is a post-installation variance and the local inspector, and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approved, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-750 Christopher Garcia, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth**

The petitioner for Umass Dartmouth is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.14 Water Supply and the Water Distribution System(1)(b) Use of Non-Potable Water Prohibited to allow the use of existing non-potable water and acid waste and piping for a proposed hand-washing sink in a Science and Engineering classroom. State Inspector Lima has been notified.

Vote: WT to allow the use of the existing special waste drain piping for lav sink, existing cold water piping and point-of-use water heater, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-752 Patrick Melvin, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR, 3.04(1) Product Design and Testing Standards, to allow for the use of (52) lavatory sinks that are not on the product accepted list. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

1<sup>st</sup> Vote: JW to deny, JC seconded. JM, HK, WT, SB to approve  
Results: Motion denied

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: JC to approve if the applicant can provide sufficient testing data to the Board Office, WT seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-782 Vassilios Valaes, 207 Hart Street, Taunton**

The petitioner for the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduced number of fixtures than the code requires. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-783 Daniel Flaherty, 21 Elizabeth Avenue, Franklin**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a building expansion of the town's well pump house without installing the required toilet facilities and showers. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny, JW seconded  
Results: HK, JW, SB, JM. JC, BK, WT, to deny. DK, RA to approve

**Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission**

**23-DAGV-243-Scott Anderson-309 Andover St Lawrence**

The request for Full Operation of Unlisted Appliances has been granted for **(1) Babb Co Tunnel Oven with (2) 2.5 Million BTU/HR Burners.** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

**23-DAGV-295-Michael Wilke-188 Heath St Boston.**

The request for Full Operation of Unlisted Appliances has been granted for **(1) 67,498 BTU/HR natural gas L 'Atelier Range** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

**23-DAGV-429-JJ Welch Construction-108 Clematis Ave Waltham**

The request for Full Operation of Unlisted Appliances has been granted for **(1) natural gas Hot Oil Fryer, (4) Corn Steeping Tanks and (1) Tortilla Oven Made by Superior Food Man Products.** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

**23-SPP-579- David Johanson- 36 Crosby Dr Bedford**

The request for Special Permission for the use of a Vacuum Drainage system has been granted at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

**23-VSP-729- Earnest Yeaw- Upper Cape Cod Technical High School**

The petitioner permission to have students install rough and finish plumbing for (2) single-use bathrooms, mop sink, (2) emergency shower and eye wash stations, (3) handwashing sinks and one bottle filler, along with a tankless water heater, has been granted.

**FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required**

Rene Dionne	107 Country St	Rehoboth
Rene Dionne	1725 Shirley Rd	Lancaster
Rene Dionne	9 Plymouth Ln	Bourne
Rene Dionne	78 Blue Spruce Way	Mashpee
Rene Dionne	40 Harbor Hill Dr	Bourne
Rene Dionne	45 A St	Hull
Rene Dionne	11 Gibbs St #2	Brookline
Rene Dionne	382 Matfield St	W Bridgewater
Rene Dionne	19 Erick Rd #8	Mansfield
Rene Dionne	465 Bay Ln	Barnstable
Rene Dionne	258 Stoughton St	Stoughton

Rene Dionne	1074 Bancroft Rd	Becket
Rene Dionne	48 Pine St	Framingham
Rene Dionne	60 Liberty St Unit 1	Lowell
Rene Dionne	101 Bradford Commons Ln #5	Braintree
Pete DiGiano	8 Madison Reach	Plymouth
Pete DiGiano	34 South St Unit 206	Quincy
Pete DiGiano	315 Hampton Way	Abington
Pete DiGiano	160 Whitman St	Bridgewater
Pete DiGiano	46 Van Wart Path	Newton
Jennifer Bylo	21 Juniper Rd	Peabody
Ed Shanahan	7 Lincolnwood Dr	Franklin
Mary Louise Piret	24 Arsenal St	Watertown
Emily Duffy	5 Main St	Williamsburg
Charmaine Catania	747 Lowell St	Peabody
Hariklea Qirjazi	118 Smith St	Lowell
Juan Aeschliman	370 Shirley St	Winthrop
Rene Dionne	19 Curran Terrace	Randolph
Rene Dionne	145 Bennington St Unit 319	Revere
Rene Dionne	27 Eden St	Millis
Florence Johnson	656 Plymouth St	Middleboro
David Renzello	26 Calumet St	Quincy
David Renzello	67 Carmine St	Lowell
David Renzello	41 Ridgeway Ave	Billerica
Jennifer Bylo	26 School St	Hull
Jennifer Bylo	105 Ariel Cir	Sutton
Curtis Stake	55 St Nicholas Rd	Worcester
Mark Marchioni	23 Shadowbrook Ln Apt 10	Milford
Pete DiGiano	130 Saint Claire St	Braintree
Pete DiGiano	529 Dana Farms	Fairhaven
Pete DiGiano	52 Deer Jump Hill Rd	Barnstable
Rene Dionne	130 King St	Littleton
Rene Dionne	161 Newbury St Tril 11	Peabody
Rene Dionne	115 De Soto Rd	Boston
Rene Dionne	57 Heritage Path	Millis
Rene Dionne	100 Bradford Dt	Provincetown
Rene Dionne	165 pleasant Ave	Harwich
Rene Dionne	111 Brigham St Unit 1H	Hudson
David Renzello	168 Laurelwood Dr	Hopedale
David Renzello	60 Florry Dr Unit 5	Dracut

David Renzello	140 Alma St	Lowell
David Renzello	11 Belknap St	Westborough
David Renzello	14 Emerson St	Stoneham
Saphoa Pia	7 Tebroc St	Boston
Mary Fox	200 East Main St	Westborough
Marilyn Perna	8 Jasper Ln	Randolph
Robert Dilion	53 Pawtuxet Rd	Plymouth
Jennifer Bylo	112 Lowell St #9	Peabody
Michael Blomerth	45 Cross St Unit 22	Medford
Michael Blomerth	158 Willow Rd	Nahant
Michael Blomerth	175 Main St # 7	N Andover
Michael Blomerth	29 Auburndale Rd	Marlblehead
Michael Blomerth	5 Mission Rd # 301	Chelmsford
Michael Blomerth	39 Old Farm Rd	Reading
Michael Blomerth	13 B Woodland St	Everett
Michael Blomerth	3 Bittenworth Rd	Wilmington
Pete DiGiano	3 Deer Hill Ln	Carver
Pete DiGiano	35 Rector St	Boston
Pete DiGiano	154 Oliver Rd	Newton
Jonathan Mayer	1584 Sumner Ave	Springfield

### **End of Regular Session**

Vote: JC to go into Executive Session, HK Seconded at 10:48

Results: Unanimously approved

### **Executive Session**

See separate minutes

### **Adjournment**

At 11:02 p.m. the Board returned to open session to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn by JC, the motion was seconded by HK. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Items relied upon in Meeting**

Agenda

Correspondence

Variance Applications

