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

**September 6, 2023**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

### ***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**

June 28, 2023 Regular Session  
June 28, 2023 Executive Session  
July 12, 2023 Regular Session

August 2, 2023 Regular Session  
August 2, 2023 Executive Session

NO ACTION TAKEN- Not all Board members received the minutes prior to the meeting. No minutes were approved, these agenda items will be rescheduled for the October meeting.

### **Discussion**

Earle Barnhart and Hilda Maingay of the Green Center Inc. discussed a proposed pilot program in the town of Falmouth to install urine diversion fixtures. They proposed installing 12 different fixtures available to 50 residents which would divert urine to an outside storage container/tank. The intent of the pilot program: - “reducing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in residential wastewater that is now polluting groundwater and water bodies.” Board members asked questions about the location of these fixtures, product approvals, tanks, installation, and reports of Falmouth’s previous pilot program and input from the Board of Health and MassDEP.

Vote: JC to deny, HK seconded  
Results: Unanimously denied

### **Variance Requests**

#### **23-PV-900, Daniel Arons, 150 Governors Drive, Amherst**

The petitioner for UMass Amherst is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1 to allow for (4) shared, gender-neutral lavatories in lieu of separate men’s and women’s lavatory facilities. In addition to the gender-neutral bathrooms, each of the four floors will have (2) single-user bathrooms. Plans for the four-story 90,000 sf new construction project calls for full-height partitions and the elimination of all urinals, with an anticipated occupancy of 1,012. State inspector O’Reilly has been notified.

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

#### **23-PV-901, Robert Hartwright, 131 Commonwealth Avenue, Amherst**

The petitioner for the Boyden Gymnasium at UMass Amherst is seeking relief from 248 CMR, 3.04(1) Product Design and Testing Standards, to allow for the lining of a storm drainpipe on a lateral pipe, which is contrary to the product's acceptance. State inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

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

**23-PV-747, Dusan Veselinovic, 65 Main Street, Vineyard Haven**

The petitioner for La Strada Take Out Restaurant is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18), the Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy for restaurants, to allow the 30 seat establishment to have just one accessible toilet room. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to table, HK seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-751, Benjamin Gilmartin, 134 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge**

The petitioner for MIT's Metropolitan Warehouse is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1 to allow for (6) shared, gender-neutral lavatories in lieu of separate men's and women's lavatory facilities. Plans for the five-story renovation project calls for full height partitions and the elimination of all urinals. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, RA seconded  
Results: unanimously approved

**23-PV-871, David Oliveri, 145 Warren Street, Newton**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks to allow the construction of a parking garage with seven parking spaces, without a gas/oil separator. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: BK to deny, JW seconded  
Results: unanimously denied

**23-PV-941, Chris Henrique, 20 Teaticket Path, East Falmouth**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) c (4) Shower Compartments, to allow the use of a 1 ½ drain for a new shower. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve provided a permit is pulled, use of only 1 showerhead of 2.5 gpm's, and has an operational test, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-943, 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 with a

reduced number of toilet fixtures than the code requires. The town proposes a single handicapped accessible gender-neutral toilet room with one toilet, one, lav, and one shower. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved.

**23-PV-944, Christopher Gada, 1 – 31 Main Street, Taunton**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a sewage ejector pump for a basement kitchenette and half-bath located above the building drain. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded  
Results: WT, JW, RA, SB to approve; JC, BK to deny, motion passes 4 - 2

**23-PV-945, Larry Couto, 615 Innovation Way, Fall River**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 10.10 Table 1, industrial/warehouse employee shower bath/shower requirements to eliminate all showers. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

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

**23-PV-946, James Wilson, 54 Industrial Park Way, Plymouth**

The petitioner for a proposed homeless shelter is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18), Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy to allow a reduced number in toilet fixtures than the code requires. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

1<sup>st</sup> Vote: HK to table, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**23-PV-947, Thomas Svirskey, 25 East Drive, Amherst**

The petitioner for Amherst College is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(18)(3) to allow communal lav sinks for handwashing. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve if the applicant meets the required fixture count, HK seconded  
Results: WT, HK, JM, RA, SB to approve; JC, BK, JW to deny- motion passes 4 – 3

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

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.

Vote: JC to deny, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously denied

**23-PV-949, Thomas Neal, 26 Dartmouth Street, Westwood**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a sewage ejector pump for drainage that is located above the building drain. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**23-PV-971, Joseph Clancy, 815 Columbus Avenue, Boston**

This is a post-installation variance for a special permission that was denied for a grey water system because the piping was not colored purple throughout its entirety, as outlined in the special permission requirements.

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

**ADJOURN**

Vote: At 10:55 A.M. JC to adjourn, HK seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**SEE SEPARATE MINUTES**

**Character Reviews**

- 1- M.S.
- 2- M.R.
- 3- N.C.
- 4- J.L.

**Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission**

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**22-DAGV-786-Peter Moutsos- 46 Main St Gardner**

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for one (1) natural gas **Wilber Curtis Coffee Maker** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

**23-DAFV-942-Sanique Levy- 4 Berkley St Taunton**

The request for product acceptance for one (1) **Empava bathtub** 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-VSP-894 –Daniel Vigeant-Bay Path Regional Technical High School**

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing and gas for a single family residence located at 1 Lamoureux Lane Spencer.

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

Thomas Gulino	101 Jim Ash Rd	Palmer
Thomas Gulino	1 FairFax Rd	Milton
Thomas Gulino	645 Hammond St	Brookline
Thomas Gulino	28 Meadow St	Agawam
Thomas Gulino	129 Lowell St Unit 8	Peabody
Joshua Burke	20 Sargent Rd	Winchester
Rene Dionne	3 Quaker Rd	Worcester
Rene Dionne	34 Tillyer Ave	Southbridge

Rene Dionne	308 Saint Nicholas Ave	Worcester
Rene Dionne	37 Glenwood Dr	Swansea
Rene Dionne	182 Vassall St	Quincy
Rene Dionne	90 Swan St Unit 204	Lowell
Rene Dionne	1 Chapel Hill Dr Unit 8	Plymouth
Rene Dionne	118 Mountain Gate Rd	Ashland
Rene Dionne	24 Oriental St	Worcester
Rene Dionne	258 Walnut St	Braintree
Rene Dionne	534 Oak St	Westwood
Rene Dionne	8 Clifton St	Saugus
Rene Dionne	8 Pheasant Ln	Topsfield
Rene Dionne	16 Shepard St	Quincy
Rene Dionne	E1 Lydon Ln Apt E11	Halifax
Rene Dionne	441 Buck Island Rd Unit J5	Yarmouth
Richard Saiocolo	144 Walworth St	Boston
Mary Bullens	6 Leonard Rd	Sharon
Ivy Garrido	23 Piermont St	Quincy
Hudson Housing Auth	4 Glenn Rd	Hudson
Narinder Mehta	4 Bryant Ln	Dover
John Mungovan	41 Morton St	Boston
Diane Willett	41 Sconset Cir	Sandwich
Robert Leonard	45 Hill Cir	Burlington
Kathy White	121 Pheasant Rd	Marlborough

Lisa Mancine	110 West St	Clinton
Thomas Griffiths	1364 Mass Ave	Lexington
Karen Buretta	11 Prescott Dr	Chelmsford
Earl Morris	31 Patterson Rd	Shirley
Jennifer Bylo	1 Wyndham Rd	Lakeville
John Garabedian	81 Airpark Dr	Falmouth
Deidne Telemaque	6 Grove Sq	Randolph
Richard Riopello	74 Casablanca Ct	Haverhill
Sara Hajjar	510 Rea St	N Andover
Pete DiGiano	195 Crescent St Unit 2	Fall River
Pete DiGiano	620 Dighton Ave	Taunton
Michael Blomerth	49 Tower Dr	Lowell
Michael Blomerth	28 Soden St	Cambridge
Dale Laasch	15 Clifford St	Yarmouth
Carlos Alexandre	463 Ashley Blvd	New Bedford
Ben Kociubinski	186 Holland St Unit 1	Somerville
Linda Casale	197 Berkeley Rd	N Andover
Martha Mayer	7 Shell St	New Bedford
Gordon Hayden	5 Sullivan Dr	Newburyport
Cynthia Perkins	556 Park Ave	Revere
Rene Dionne	75 Beaten Rd # 8	Dennis
Rene Dionne	136 North St Unit 3A	Salem
Rene Dionne	247 Washington Ave #26	Winthrop



Rene Dionne	125 Coolidge Ave Unit 205	Watertown
Rene Dionne	91 Baldwinville Rd	Winchendon
Rene Dionne	365 Aiken Unit 10	Lowell
Rene Dionne	36 Sophia Ave	Brockton
Rene Dionne	247 Washington Ave #26	Winthrop
Rene Dionne	12 Pierce St	Marblehead
Rene Dionne	131 Hancock St	Everett
Rene Dionne	14 Beckert Ave	Revere
Rene Dionne	152 Holly St	New Bedford
Rene Dionne	52 Riverview Rd	Gloucester
Jennifer Bylo	530 White Cliff Dr Unit 530	Plymouth
Jennifer Bylo	58 Villagewood Dr	Burlington
Jennifer Bylo	117 Holworthy St	Cambridge
David Renzello	706 Whipple Rd	Tewksbury
David Renzello	11 West Belcher Rd Unit 3	Foxboro
David Renzello	64 Pleasant St	Mansfield
David Renzello	740 Central St F18	Leominster
David Renzello	3920 Mystic Valley Pky	Medford
David Renzello	4 Summit Dr Unit 209	Reading
David Renzello	17 Waltham St	Woburn
Lynne Correa	30 Sycamore Dr	Kingston
Diane Kennedy	73 E Street	Hull
Eglah Branch-Wise	64 Ridgewood St Fl 2	Boston

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Aline Benoit	20 Orchard Ave 2nd	Newton
Martha Beagle	10 Rae Circ	Randolph
Pete DiGiano	174 Lowell Rd Unit 9S	Mashpee
Pete DiGiano	248 Camp St Unit A4	Yarmouth
Jonathan Mayer	3 Devlin Cic	Blackstone
Jonathan Mayer	270 Whitman St	Bridgewater
Rene Dionne	286 Old Westford Rd	Chelmsford
Rene Dionne	491 Wahchonah St	Pittsfield
David Hansbury	4 Harriette St N	Randolph
John Fiske	4 Boden St	Beverly
Roberta Cullen	871 Washington St	Walpole
Gene Holmes	42 8th St Unit 5310	Boston
Dayna Cardinal	302 Boston Rd	Sutton
Robert Swinconeck	315 Randall Rd	Berlin
Lucia Curran	11 Grant Ave	Waltham
Joseph Sherblom	28 Surrey Ln	Holden
Ann Spaziante	8 Batavia St	Worcester
Kristin Brazel	20 Ashton Ave	Dracut
Michael Blomerth	7 Adelaide Ave	Methuen
Michael Blomerth	25 Marion Rd Unit C	Salem
Michael Blomerth	5 Abbott Rd	Waltham
Michael Blomerth	186 Worcester Ln	Waltham

Michael Blomerth	16 Maple St	Melrose
Michael Blomerth	4 S. Liberty St	Danvers
Pete DiGiano	30 Azalea Dr	Taunton
Silvio Tancredo	102 Central St Unit 1B	Saugus
Silvio Tancredo	60 Bobcock St #44	Brookline
Peter Woodhouse	1313 Washington St Unit 701	Boston
Rene Dionne	3 Winter St	Fairhaven
Rene Dionne	500 Colonial Dr Unit 302	Ipswich
Rene Dionne	29 Henrey St	Everett
Rene Dionne	72 Kingsley Rd	Hull
Rene Dionne	508 Purchase St	New Bedford
Rene Dionne	35 Ridge View Ln	Mansfield
Rene Dionne	111 Allen Rd	Billerica
Rene Dionne	169 Columbia St	Malden
Rene Dionne	56 Victorian Way	W. Bridgewater
Rene Dionne	11 Handy Rd	Blackstone
Rene Dionne	85 Brainerd Rd #406	Boston
Rene Dionne	4 A Heritage Ln	W Boylston
Rene Dionne	1365 Washington St	Braintree
Rene Dionne	10 Common St	Brookfield
Rene Dionne	12 Pierce St # 2	Malden
Rene Dionne	54 Middlesex St	Fall River
Rene Dionne	1 Sorens Way	Bedford

Rene Dionne	101 Lester Rd	Brockton
Jennifer Bylo	34 Bedford rd	Woburn
Jennifer Bylo	246 Kenoza Ave	Haverhill
David Renzello	48 Watson Rd	Belmont
David Renzello	91 Lakeview Rd	Mansfield
David Renzello	5 Navajo Rd	Worcester
David Renzello	20 Carpeter St	Attleboro
Brian Kindorf	39 Main St	Sterling
Kevin Mackenzie	47 Oak St	Plymouth
Danielle Finikle	59 East high St	Avon
Ron Wybranowski	89 Millpond	N Andover
Pete DiGiano	14 Lenoxdale Ave	Boston
Pete DiGiano	3B Shelley Ct	Bourne
Pete DiGiano	11 Village Way Unit A	Norton
Pete DiGiano	96 Eaton Ln	Brewster
Pete DiGiano	14 Lenoxdale Ave	Boston
Pete DiGiano	24 Peacevale Rd	Boston
Jane King	6 Teal Circle	Walpole
Paula Johnson	4 Trotting Lane	Falmouth
Ellen Mulder	20 Rockland House Rd 101	Hull
Irene Damianidis	38 Riverview Rd	Framingham
Kim Dunning	25 Westminster Rd	Hull
Silvio Tancredo	65 Grove St #351	Wellesley

Silvio Tancredo	6 Technology Way	Chelmsford
Silvio Tancredo	21 Merrimack Way #21	Tyngsborough
Pete DiGiano	49 Harriet St #2	Boston
Pete DiGiano	49 Harriet St	Boston
Pete DiGiano	15 Roseland St #3	Boston
Rene Dionne	10 Web Rd	Georgetown
Rene Dionne	302 Chancery St	New Bedford
Rene Dionne	2103 Old Bridge Ln	Bellingham
Rene Dionne	505 Revere Beach Blvd Unit #3	Revere
Rene Dionne	560 Springfield St	Chicopee
Rene Dionne	100 Parks St	Duxbury
Rene Dionne	61 Ash St	Townsend
Jennifer Bylo	160 Satucket Trail	Bridgewater
Jennifer Bylo	605 Irving Rd	Randolph
Nancy Bardsley	605 Arcade Ave	Seekonk
Johnathan Nardi	77 Adams St #902	Quincy
Ray Yacouby	155 Leland Fard Rd	Ashland
Bonnie Jablonski	45 Berrington Rd	Leominster
Steven Guzzardi	148 Main St Unit B132	N Andover
Dale Jarvis	381-383 Huntington	Boston

**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.