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

February 4, 2026

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters requires your
presence at a remote Board meeting on
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF G.L. C. 30A § 20, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND
GAS FITTERS WILL CONVENE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY BOARD
MEETING VIA TELEPHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

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Member and Staff Attendance

: MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter		
Mr. Harold Knight	Vice-Chairman Journeyman Plumber		
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer		
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health		
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee		



Mrs. Kimberly Garside	Member, Master Plumber		
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel		
Mr. Michael Auerbach	Executive Director		
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant		
Ms. Caitlyn Berry	Licensing Coordinator		
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Investigator		
Mr. James Myette	State Investigator		

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joe MacNamee

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 7, 2026, Regular Session

Executive Director's Report

- Board Staff reviewed and accepted 2,027 Products within the last month.
- New Plumbing and Gas Fitter Licenses issued:
 - Gas Fitter Journeyman: 1
 - Gas Fitter Master: 3
 - Plumbing and Gas Fitter Inspector: 3
 - Plumbing Apprentice: 39
 - Plumbing Corporation or Professional Corporation: 4
 - Plumbing Journeyman: 34
 - Plumbing Master: 18
 - Plumbing LLC - 12
- Renewals began on 1 February, with messages sent to licensees at midnight.

Legal Update

- Senior Board Counsel Charles Kilb

DISCUSSION

- Plumbing Board Sub-committee update.
- Gas vaporizing equipment (continued from January meeting)

Vocational Projects

26-VSP-101037- Stephen Calzeni, 565 Maple St, Danvers. Essex North Shore Agricultural is seeking approval to install the required plumbing for a new addition to Larkin Cottage. The new plumbing will consist of installing new bathrooms and a commercial kitchen.

26-VSP-101012- John O'Brien, 370 Salem St, Wakefield. Northeast Vocational is seeking permission to install a new category 4 furnace. This is a commercial application.

VARIANCES

26-PV-100927-Larry Couto, 5 Fifth St, Peabody. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 Materials to use a polypropylene pipe and fittings for a food processing area. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

26-PV-100963- Douglas Howard, 24 East St, Cambridge. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) Product, Design, and Testing Standards, 248 CMR 10.02 Basic Principles, hot water required for hygienic purposes, 248 CMR 10.05 (14) Connections to plumbing Systems Required, and 248 CMR 10.16 (2) Vent Stacks and Stack Vents that have a two-inch vent installed instead of the required three-inch vent. This is a post-installation variance for two Portland Loo's Bathrooms facilities. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

26-PV-100959-Mandy Merritts, 588 Boston Post Rd, Sudbury. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 Minimum Facilities, not to install a second restroom and the two required showers. This is a 2,036 square foot Pilates studio that will have a maximum occupancy of 19 individuals. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

26-PV-100989- John Lundy, 24 900 Winter St, Waltham. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) Product, Design, and Testing Standards to install an API Destruct chemical pre- treatment system that is not on the Massachusetts product Acceptance list. This is a post-installation variance. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

26-PV-101039- Tammy Guzman, 3 Broad Canal Way, Cambridge. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 Minimum Facilities, not to install a patron bathroom and drinking water station. This is a 1057 square-foot Hair Salon that will have a maximum occupancy of 8 individuals. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

26-PV-101060- James Peterson-54 Sam Turner Rd, East Falmouth. The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) Products, Design and Standards to utilize a urine diversion containment system and urine diversion water closet that is not on the product acceptance list. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

24-DAGV-228- 275 Dorchester Ave. Full Operation of a CNG System.

25-DAGV-90595- 585 Bedford St, Fall River. Full Operation of an Unlisted Oven.

Delegated Vocational School Project Approvals.

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Character Review

- 1. D.C.**
- 2. B.P.**
- 3. D.B.**

ADJOURNMENT

Note: If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting, please reach out to Cheryl Yebba at 617-701-8711. While the Board will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodation may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting