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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS Gas Code Review Sub-Committee

BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF G.L. C. 30A § 20, THE BOARD OF
STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS CONVENED A SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING.**

Participants

PARTICIPANTS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Mr. Joseph Peluso	Participant, Master Plumber		X
Mr. Harry Knight-alternate	Vice-Chairman, Journeyman Plumber	X	
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2024

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

September 18, 2024

Vote: JC to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

November 20, 2024

Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

AGENDA

1- 2023 NFPA -2 Review

Special guests- Dan Kilburn-DOL, Jordan and Nate from Upstart.

Nate from Upstart addressed the members on the different types of process for hydrogen power and its potential future use. DK also gave insight into the different types of processes for hydrogen. Members asked to be sent an alternative code to review before adopting 2023 NFPA-2.

Vote: WT to table, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

2- Review Proposed shutoff requirement for Natural & Propane Systems and Signage. NFPA-54-2024 Chapter 9 & 248 CMR Section 5.00 Amendments. Members revisited the installation of a “Ball Valve type” shutoff to be installed immediately downstream of a meter or second-stage regulator.

Vote: WT to require a shutoff valve that is a Board accepted product and is appropriately labeled. JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

3- Review Proposed alternative to Gas Valves installed for fire protection / suppression systems. NFPA-54-2024 Chapter 10.12– 248 CMR Section 5.00-5.10

Vote: WT to table, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: WT to adjourn at 2:08 p.m., JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items relied upon

Agenda

Draft Minutes

Draft code language