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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 starting at 1:00 p.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 CONVENED A SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

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

AGENDA

1-NFPA -2 review- Members reviewed and motioned to adopt NFPA 2-2023.
Legal counsel noted that the adoption can be generally limited to fuel gas uses.
Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

2- 2021 IFGC Chapter 7, review- Members reviewed and found that NFPA-2-2023 was sufficiently detailed that adoption of a small portion of the IFGC was unnecessary.
Vote: WT to approve using NPFA-2-2023 only, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

3-Review 248 CMR 5.05(8)(g) (1&2)
Members agreed to return to this item at a later time.
Vote: WT to table, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

4. NFPA-54-12- 10.12-248 CMR 5.10- Adding a shutoff upstream and a union downstream of the fire protection/ suppression valve
Possible Language- A Product-Accepted shutoff shall be installed in close proximity upstream to the Fire Protection / Suppression valve. A union shall be placed downstream of the fire protection/ suppression valve and solenoid valve.
Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

5. NFPA-54-12- 10.12-248 CMR 5.10- Alternative Method for the fire protection/ suppression valve.
Legal Counsel provided draft language for consideration:
All gas valves shall be mechanical type with manual reset unless a fire official has approved an alternative method per 527 CMR 1.00: Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code. (current reference is 527 CMR 1.05, Chapter 5)
Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

6. NFPA-54-12- 5.7.5 Meter Identification

No action taken, addressed in NFPA-54-12/24 5.7.5

7. Review Board Policy from 2017 Adjustment and Replacement of Gas Controls.

New language to 248 CMR 3.05 1 (c) 3 Permits and Inspections

A permit shall not be required for simple disconnecting and reconnecting a gas appliance **ONLY** for the sole purpose of alteration, repair or replacement gas controls after the main control valve for said appliance.

Vote: HK to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

8. 248 CMR 7.03 11 (c) 1-2- Requiring vents for all main Gas Regulators.

The Chairman suggested language for 248 CMR 7.03-(11) removing the requirement of a vent limiter for a zero governor. The Chairman proposed to require venting to the outdoors of all main gas regulators regardless of type, even if a zero governor.

Vote: JC to approve, JW

Results: Unanimously approved

Adjournment

Vote: JW to adjourn at 1:51 p.m., JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

Draft code language