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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m.

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:

- 1- Review section 5, 9, 11, 13, 10 of 2024 NFPA- 54
- 2- Future Sub-Committee meeting times/dates

Members discussed at length the need for over-pressurization protection as outlined in NFPA - 54, 2024 5.8 and decided to leave the section as is, with no amendments.

Counsel indicated he had drafted language regarding plastic venting, however, he noted that there has been a large amount of public interest in this topic and thus suggested there be a formal opportunity for stakeholder input. The members agreed to offer a listening session at the next regular Plumbing Board meeting on August 7th, at 9 a.m. to give the public a chance to comment on the proposed code and their comments about gas venting.

Members decided to meet again on July 31, at 1 p.m. to discuss chapters 7 and 9. Among the topics they intend to discuss are gas valves after the meter, and tracer wire for buried plastic pipes.

Adjournment

Vote: JC to adjourn, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

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