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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**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 SPECIAL BOARD 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:

- 1- Gas Venting Listening Session Consideration
- 2- NFPA 58 – 2024 Edition Adoption
- 3- BTU Requirements 248 CMR 7.00
- 4- Future Sub-Committee meeting times/dates

- 1- Participants and Board Counsel Kilb discussed the Gas Venting Listening Session of August 7, 2024. It was noted that the listening session was only sparsely attended, however, the focus of the participants was on concerns regarding inconsistency in enforcement as well as opinions regarding utilizing non-accepted PVC piping for certain appliance replacements.

Board counsel discussed past drafted language that would include certifications regarding existing piping but expressed legal concerns regarding exceptions to the product acceptance requirement. The chair opened the matter up to the public, Peter Defreitas, an inspector and instructor of inspector education, spoke regarding difficulties with existing installations. Members discussed different options for allowing existing piping to remain in an appliance replacement, however, no consensus was reached.

Counsel agreed to create legally acceptable language for review at future meetings.

The subcommittee did not review NFPA 58 or 248 CMR 7.00.

Participants agreed to meet again on August 28, 2024 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: JW to adjourn at 2:46 p.m., JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

NFPA 54 – 2024 edition

248 CMR 5.00