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# BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m.

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters convened a regular monthly meeting via telephone/video conference:

### Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee		
<b>STAFF</b>			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

## **9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:**

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

### **Discussion**

#### 1- Gas Code Sub-Committee

Members discussed forming a sub-committee to review the gas code and make recommendations for updates. Those volunteers are Joe Waskiewicz, Joe MacNamee, Wayne Thomas, John Cruz. Members also agreed to include retired executive director Joseph Peluso.

#### 2- FAQ on 248 CMR 10.00 Revisions

The Board reviewed a new set of draft FAQ's regarding the new code that was promulgated on December 8, 2023. By unanimous consent, the FAQ's will be posted on the Boards mass.gov website.

#### 3- Tom Dorsey of RocketCert, discussed their plan to provide online continuing education for Massachusetts plumbers.

Mr. Dorsey explained RocketCert's proposal to offer plumbing continuing education classes online. The Board members requested Mr. Dorsey submit a comprehensive lesson plan. No formal action taken.

### **Variances**

#### **24-PV-71- Robert Cunningham, 400 Riverside Avenue, Medford**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in the minimum number of facilities that are required for this temporary overnight shelter. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

#### **24-PV-67 – Clay Brendel, 256 Marginal Street, Bldg. 32, East Boston**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 to allow the removal of two existing showers to install another bathroom. The Board of Health and State Inspector Padden have been notified.

Vote; DK to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-68 - David Vitone, 33 Berkley Street, Waltham**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a pump for drainage that is located above the building drain and serving a master bathroom located above a garage. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-69 – James Kelly, 540 Main Street, Hudson**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in the minimum number of facilities that are required for this garage/office building currently under construction. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-70 - Nicholas Chiusano, 3 Park Knox Road, Chester**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.22, Figure 15, to allow the installation of a floor drain and gas/oil separator in a residential garage with PVC piping. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve with the condition that the applicant use polypropylene piping, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-GV-72 – Stephen Pacific, 38 Shady Hill Road, Newton**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 5.12 Plastic Vent Piping to allow a new boiler a system 636 vent, to be connected to an existing PVC vent. This is a post-installation variance and The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:55 a.m., the chair announced an executive session would be held to review applicant's character, rather than competence (M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21), the chair indicated that the Board would not thereafter be returning to open session other than to adjourn.

A motion was made by DK to enter executive session, JC seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:13 a.m., a motion was made by RA and seconded by HK to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **ITEMS RELIED UPON IN THE OPEN MEETING**

Agenda  
Minutes  
Draft FAQ  
Variance applications