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**BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF  
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS**

**January 7, 2026**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters convened a remote Board meeting on  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.

**Member and Staff Attendance**

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee (JM)	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Harold Knight (HK)	Vice-Chairman Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. John Cruz (JC)	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E. (BK)	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas (WT)	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso (RA)	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway (SB)	Public Member	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn (DK)	Member, DOL Designee		X
Mrs. Kimberly Garside (KG)	Member, Master Plumber	X	
<b>STAFF</b>			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Michael Auerbach	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Investigator	X	
Mr. James Myette	State Investigator		X

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

*Start Time: 9:00 am*

By Chairman Joe MacNamee

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**



- December 3, 2025, Regular Session: *Motion to approve by HK, seconded by JC- Unanimously approved by roll call vote*
- December 3, 2025, Executive Session: *Motion to approve by WT, seconded by HK- Unanimously approved by roll call vote*

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Board Staff reviewed and accepted 6,244 Products within the last month. And reviewed and accepted 33,675 products in 2025.
- Renewal reminders will be sent out via eLIPSE in Q3 (February 2026). All renewals must be submitted through eLIPSE. Reminders of the 1 May 2026 global expiration date will be sent out when the window opens.

### DISCUSSION

- Plumbing Code Subcommittee update: *M. Guida, Board Code Consultant, updated the Board on the Plumbing Code Subcommittee, which is meeting regularly, no action required.*
- Possible waving of product acceptance for gas vaporizing equipment: *Board members discussed if there was a necessity to waive product acceptance for gas vaporizing equipment. Legal Counsel advised the Board that this is a relatively new concern and it was unclear if this action was necessary. During discussion members noted they could gauge if there was an issue by way of variances. They noted they could delegate variances for vaporizers to staff for approval temporarily to determine if there is an urgent issue. Motion made by WT & Seconded by HK to allow Board staff to approve variances for gas vaporizers until the next meeting. Unanimously approved.*

### VARIANCES

**25-PV-91095- James Worden, 84 Academy Rd, North Andover.** The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 Minimum Facilities, not to install the required toilet fixtures for a 3,400 square foot barn used to assemble solar boats. They are also seeking relief not to install the two required showers. They propose installing a single-user restroom with occupancy no more than. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified. During discussion, members noted a space issue did exist. *Motion made by HK and seconded by JC to allow one single-user restroom with one shower. Unanimously approved.*

**25-PV-91219- Benjamin Seeto- 500 Forge Rd, Watertown.** The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(13)(b) Emergency Wash Systems, specifically from the requirement that they be installed within the same room. They are proposing to install four emergency wash systems located outside the production rooms within 50 feet. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified. During discussion, members noted a space issue did exist.: *Motion made by WT and seconded by HK to allow the Emergency Wash System to be allowed outside the production room. Unanimously approved.*

**25-PV-100766- Kenneth Feyl, 60 Leonard St, Belmont.** The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (15) Table 1, Minimum Facility requirements for medical facilities. The project is a 3,500-square-foot dental office with an occupant load not exceeding 15. The petitioner proposes installing two single-user restrooms, one designated for staff and one for patients. The

Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified. During discussion, members noted a space issue did exist. *Motion made by RA and seconded by JC to allow one single user for staff and one single user for patrons. The drinking water station will be in a common area. Unanimously approved.*

**25-PV-100796- Steven Chevalier, 50 Davis St, Greenfield.** The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) Product, Design, and Testing Standards and 248 CMR 10.16 (2) Vent Stacks and Stack Vents for a Portland Loo Bathroom Facility that has a two-inch vent installed instead of the required three-inch vent. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified. *Motion made by JC and seconded by WT to allow the use of the Portland Loo without the required product acceptance and allow a 2" main stack vent instead of the required 3" stack vent. Unanimously approved.*

**Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission**  
**FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required**

**Delegated Vocational School Project Approvals.**

25-VSP-2018- David Marriott, Cape Cod RVTHS- 18 Beaver Rd, Brewster  
25-VSP-2019- David Marriott, Cape Cod RVTHS- 67 West Tupelo Dr, Harwich

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

None

**QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION**  
**(Disciplinary decisions - Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18)**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by WT and seconded by JC. Unanimously approved.*

**9:57 AM**

**Items Relied Upon in Meeting**

Agenda  
Draft Minutes  
Variance Applications