



**MAURA HEALEY**  
GOVERNOR

**KIM DRISCOLL**  
LIEUTENANT Governor

**YVONNE HAO**  
SECRETARY, HOUSING AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Division of Occupational Licensure**  
1000 Washington Street, Suite 710  
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

**LAYLA R. D'EMILIA**  
UNDERSECRETARY, CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS  
REGULATION

**SARAH R. WILKINSON**  
COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF  
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

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

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES Saturday March 2, 2024 starting at 8 a.m.**

### **Member and Staff Attendance**

<b>: MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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		X
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee		X
<b>STAFF</b>			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

The Board participated in the annual trade show of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors of Massachusetts at the Royal Plaza Trade Center at the Best Western Motel in Marlborough, Massachusetts. A quorum was not present; however, no deliberations or decisions were necessary. Open to the public, the trade show hosted the Board members in a question-and-answer seminar from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. During this period, the Board members entertained approximately 52 questions from the audience which were largely regarding the revisions to 248 CMR 10.00, that were promulgated on 12/08/2023. The following topics were addressed:

Jobs started under permit pre-December 2023

Height of bollards

When is exam updated

Laundry standpipes

Schedule 40 PVC in commercial building

Safe waste pan for water heater discharge

pump for an above gravity drain

Conflict between sketches and code language

temmperature requirements between public and employee bathrooms

grease interceptor outside a structure less then 25 feet to each fixture w/o point of use interceptor

Bovent use for any sink

Inch and a half drain allowed in new showers as well as conversions

sediment traps for rooftop units

Like for like materials no longer required

Minimum size of water service removed

Kitchen sink drain 2 inch with dishwasher

Use of unlined chimney when changing a boiler

Is a gas permit required to change a gas valve

Can an inspector ask for engineered drawings

Hot water temperature for handhelds

Safety relief valves

Inch and a half drain variances

Master pipefitter

What is greywater for drywell

Room heater with a standing pilot

Pressure relief valve picture shows 2 guages,only 1 is required

Side inlet 90 as a drain  
2 inch 3 bay sink  
press connections  
is it dual fuel if other fuel doesn't enter building  
toilet rise being part of wet vent  
5 inches v. 5 feet  
purple primer  
finished shower measurements  
max temperature for hair salon sink  
backflow for hair salon spray  
Expansion joints on PVC  
Minimum size pipe for underground gas piping  
Rooftop units definition of near for purposes of outlet location  
purple primer going against manufacturers instructions  
Gas vents near windows  
Nail plates  
Sizing of vacuum breakers, purpose of change  
How to update code books  
Use of spray foam  
Code book on the jobsite  
Reiterate when exam is updated  
Inch and a half drain in new construction  
copyright status of codes  
air admittance valves

The Board members and staff took turns answering these questions as they were asked, however, the Board members did not deliberate on the answers with each other nor were any votes taken.

Items relied upon in the meeting

None