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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**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 REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MEETING VIA TELEPHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

Member and Staff Attendance

: MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Vice-Chairman 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	Left at 10 a.m.
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		X
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee	X	
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

Informational note: All votes were taken by roll call vote

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joe MacNamee

248 CMR Regulation Review: Massachusetts-Means-Business

Board members heard proposed changes to 248 CMR sections 3 and 11 as part of a recent initiative by the Governor to streamline business operations while balancing consumer protection measures. In particular, these amendments were designed to remove outdated and unnecessary requirements which have become burdensome on license applicants, provide new pathways to licensure, and otherwise clarify language which may have led to confusion, thus making compliance easier and more cost effective. Members heard from Commissioner Wilkinson followed by Board Counsel who went into detail regarding the proposed changes, which upon Board approval would be scheduled for a public hearing.

Vote: JW to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2025, Regular Session

Vote: JW to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

March 8, 2025 (trade show)

Vote: JW to approve, HK seconded, JM, RA abstained

Results: Unanimously approved

April 2, 2025, Regular Session

Vote: HK to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

April 2, 2025, Executive Session

Vote: JW to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

May 7, 2025, Regular Session

Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

DISCUSSION

24-PA-367, Kevin Mayer, McGuire Manufacturing Company

Mr. Mayer discussed his press-connect drain fitting product. Staff previously denied acceptance of this product due to its failure to meet the provisions of the plumbing code. Mr. Mayer discussed his opinion of the value of the product and how it was designed. However, counsel noted this is an appeal of a denial of product acceptance and requested Mr. Mayer respond to the claims that the product would violate the plumbing code. Mr. Mayer indicated he was unprepared to address those issues, thus counsel advised that the matter be tabled to allow Mr. Mayer time to research the issue and report back to the Board if he wants to pursue product acceptance.

Vote: HK to table, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Gas Code Update

Plumbing Code Consultant Mike Guida discussed the progress made by the Gas Code Review Sub-Committee that has been meeting since January of 2024. The committee has reviewed and recommended adopting 2024 NFPA 54, 58, 2022 NFPA 2, and a series of amendments. The committee will continue meeting to finalize its drafts.

Water Filtration Systems Product Acceptance

Members discussed whether soda dispensing machines should be product accepted. No formal action taken.

Drain Lining

No action taken, this discussion was moved to a later date.

School Occupancy

No action taken, this discussion was moved to a later date.

VARIANCES

25-PV-61, Danielle Pattavina, 2322 Massachusetts Avenue, Unit 1, Cambridge

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15) Minimum facilities to operate a less than 1,000 sq. ft. wine bar with a reduction in the required restroom facilities. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

During discussion it was noted that the request would represent more than a 100% reduction in required fixtures.

Vote: HK to deny, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

25-PV-89, Alain Haddad, 1675 West Street, Mansfield

The petitioner for the Town of Mansfield is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(c)19 and 10.10 Table 1 to allow the construction of a 3,552 sq. ft. PFAS treatment building without the required restroom facilities. Restroom facilities are available in another building which is approximately 240 feet away. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified. Members noted that the size of this building is far larger than that for which variances are generally granted.

Vote: HK to deny, JW seconded

Results: HK, JW, WT, JM, BK, JC, SB, DK in favor of motion to deny; RA opposed the motion.

25-VSP-93, Steven Bradham, 2929 Blossom Road, Fall River

The petitioner for the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School is seeking permission to allow students to install a point of use water heater for a kitchen sink in a City of Fall River building. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JW to approve, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

25-PV-96, Patrick Carty, 800 John Quincy Adams Road, Taunton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10.15.19 to allow the construction of a 1,728 sq ft prefabricated metal building used for scanning vehicles, without the required restroom facilities. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

NO ACTION TAKEN- This Variance was delegated to staff to consider

25-PV-97, Eileen Lattimer, 3 Baldwin Green, Woburn

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 to allow the renovation of a condominium without a water bubbler or mop sink in the common area. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

APPEAL OF INSPECTOR'S DECISION

25-AID-90, Angelo Salamone, 843 North Shore Road, Revere

The Appellant was not present

Vote: HK to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously tabled

25-AID- 94, Nicholas Nocifora, 410 Belmont Street, Watertown

Nocifora is appealing the inspector's decision that the approximately 300' of pex piping connecting to a sillcock is subject to 248 CMR.

Upon hearing the parties presentation, the Board indicated a decision would be made in quasi-judicial session (see below).

The Board reported the final decision for the record:

Vote: DK for the inspector, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved for the inspector

25-AID-95, Sebastian LaBier, 176 Main Street, Springfield

LaBier is appealing the inspector's decision that the building drain is overpitched per 248 CMR 10.05(2) A & D.

Upon hearing the parties presentation, the Board indicated a decision would be made in quasi-judicial session (see below).

The Board reported the final decision for the record:

Vote: DK for the inspector, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved for the inspector

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote: HK to enter Quasi-Judicial Session per M.G.L c. 30A, §18 and then Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 to discuss applicant's character rather than competence at 11:06, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

The Board would not return to open session thereafter except for adjournment.

Separate minutes were created for Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: HK to adjourn at 11:51, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

McGuire Manufacturing Company product information

Variance Applications

Appeal documents