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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHEET METAL WORKERS
MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2021

Roll Call, by Chair:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Russell Bartash, Chair	X	
Ms. Julie DeStefano	X	
Mr. Jon Desmond (arrived at 8:13 a.m.)	X	
Mr. Tim Hathaway	X	
Mr. Dan Walsh	X	
Mr. John Annarelli		X
Mr. Peter Kelly	X	
STAFF		
Ms. Kristina Gasson	X	
Ms. Karen R. Brann	X	
Ms. Mary McCarthy- Collins	X	
Mr. Francesco Polese	X	
Mr. Charles Wolf	X	

1. Housekeeping / Announcements / Ground rules

The Board's Chair, Russell Bartash and Board Counsel Kristina Gasson explained that legislation was recently enacted that allows boards to conduct virtual public meetings until April 2022. Boards can meet virtually or in person, so long as COVID-19 restrictions are not reinstated.

2. Upcoming Board meetings:

Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board decided to cancel the August 16, 2021, meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2021.

3. Approval of past meeting minutes

The February 8, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

A review and vote of the Executive Session Minutes will be considered at a future meeting.

June 21, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Dan Walsh and seconded by Board Member Tim Hathaway, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 Public Meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

June 21, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Dan Walsh and seconded by Board Member Tim Hathaway, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 Executive Session Meeting as amended. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. State of Emergency Online Learning Policy

The board discussed the state of emergency online learning policy that was voted on at the April 3, 2020 meeting. The policy was scheduled to expire 90 days after the State of Emergency ended on June 15, 2021.

A motion was made by Board Member Julie DeStefano and seconded by Board Member Peter Kelly to extend the online learning policy to December 31, 2021, and to develop a criteria for online learning at a later date. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on PSI Exam Results

Chairman Bartash read aloud the PSI exam results from the period of June 19, 2021 to July 15, 2021.

6. Gerald Smolinsky, Exam Requirement Waiver Request Under 271 CMR 3.02(2)(c)

Mr. Smolinsky's license expired on February 28, 2017 and he requested to not have to take the Sheet Metal Master exam to reinstate his lapsed license.

A motion was made by Board Member Peter Kelly and seconded by Board Member Dan Walsh, to deny the waiver request. Mr. Smolinsky will need to take the Sheet Metal Master test to reinstate his Master license. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

No matters were discussed.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., a motion was made by Board Member Dan Walsh and seconded by Board Member Julie DeStefano, to close the open public meeting and to move into closed executive session with the public meeting not to resume. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered closed Executive Session at approximately 8:35 a.m. to discuss individual character rather than competence pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) and to discuss complaint cases in a closed Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C.

During the closed Investigative Conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

- 2021-000094-IT-ENF Dismissed
- 2021-001076-IT-ENF Referred to Prosecutions

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on September 16, 2021.



Karen R. Brann, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Draft June 21, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes
- Draft June 21, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- Waiver Request of Gerald Smolinsky
- PSI Examination Services, Massachusetts Sheet Metal Examination Results