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## BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHEET METAL WORKERS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EST)

### Roll Call, by Chair:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Russell Bartash, Chair	X	
Mr. John Annarelli	X	
Mr. Jon Desmond	X	
Ms. Julie DeStefano	X	
Mr. Tim Hathaway	X	
Mr. Peter Kelly	X	
Ms. Mary McCarthy-Collins	X	
STAFF		
Mr. Brian O'Connell	X	
Ms. Kristina Gasson	X	
Ms. Patricia LaFore	X	
Ms. Sharlia Bennett		Χ
Mr. Charles Wolf	X	
Mr. Brian Morris	X	
Mr. Christopher Lee		X

#### Housekeeping / Announcements / Ground rules

- Upcoming Board meetings:
  - o Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM- Agreement to cancel this meeting.
  - o Peter Kelly motions to cancel July meeting. Second by John Annarelli. Unanimously approved.
  - Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 9:00 AM

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#### Sheet Metal Code Subcommittee Meeting

Will discuss scheduling subcommittee meeting during August meeting.

#### Discuss:

- Update on PSI exam results
- Comments- slightly better results from the prior month.

#### Compliance Review

Chairman Bartash – On the municipal side inspectors are not always checking that people are properly licensed with it is brought to their attention. Commissioner Wilkinson spoke about compliance plans that include quarterly field visits with a cross trained team of inspectors. Once word gets out that DOL is doing compliance checks word will travel quickly. Commissioner Wilkinson also encouraged the board and others to file complaints when they hear of compliance issues. This is especially true for the larger corporations that hire unlicensed people. DOL will make every effort to go out and investigate. Peter Kelly added that once the word gets out, he agrees that word will travel fast.

#### • Review Correspondence - Denial of Waiver Request

Gabriel Teixeira

RI applicant seeking to take exam in MA. Peter Kelly spoke about his qualifications in RI. His education doesn't comply with MA requirements. Charles Kilb explained the challenges in converting out of state education to MA. A correspondence course may be an option, but further documentation review is required to ensure it complies with the Teixeira may also need to reinstate his apprentice license.

• Executive Session closed under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B.

A motion was made by Peter Kelly to enter Executive Session to discuss applicant's character, rather then competence. The motion was seconded by Tim Hathaway. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. The chair noted that the Board would not return to open session but would enter Investigative Conference immediately after the Executive Session.

Investigative Conference (G.L. c. 112, §65C – Closed Session)

The Board reported providing a counteroffer in the matter of Docket No. 2022-000518-IT-ENF

#### Adjournment

Julie DeStefano made a motion at 10:40 a.m. to adjourn the meeting seconded by Tim Hathaway. A roll call vote was taken with a unanimous decision.

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