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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHEET METAL WORKERS
MEETING MINUTES: September 17, 2025

Roll Call by Vice Chair: 9:00 AM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Russell Bartash, Chair		X
Mr. Peter Kelly, Vice Chair	X	
Mr. Daniel Flynn	X	
Mr. Andrew DeAngelo	X	
Mr. Tim Hathaway	X	
Mr. Scott Demers	X	
Ms. Mary McCarthy-Collins	X	
STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Ryan Doherty	X	
Mr. Peter M. Kelley	X	
Ms. Sharlia Bennett	X	
Mr. Charles Wolf	X	
Mr. Brian Morris	X	

Housekeeping / Announcements / Ground Rules

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Public Meeting Minutes of 07/16/2025: Scott Demers made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of July 16th. Mary McCarthy-Collins SECONDED the MOTION. On a roll call vote the MOTION passed, with all members in favor and Timothy Hathaway abstaining.
- Executive Session Minutes of 07/16/2025: Daniel Flynn made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of July 16th. Scott Demers SECONDED the MOTION. Timothy Hathaway abstained. On a roll call vote the MOTION passed, with all members in favor and Timothy Hathaway abstaining.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 9:00 AM



Upcoming Code Subcommittee Meetings

- Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Discussion

- Update on PSI Examinations from prior two months
 - Members compared the pass/fail rate for the J1 and M1 exams. Members agreed that the M1 exam pass/fail rate is tending in the wrong direction and members suggested the Board conduct an in depth review of the M1 exam questions in the near future.

Review Correspondence

- Email from Paul Hardiman of Murphy Specialties to the Board of Examiners of Sheet Metal Workers. Originally dated June 2, 2025, regarding a question about fan powered / filtered metal cabinets
 - Members reviewed the additional documentation submitted by Mr. Hardiman and briefly continued the discussion from the last Board meeting. Mr. Hardiman was in attendance and interacted directly with members of the Board. Ultimately the Board believes the fan powered / filtered metal cabinets in question do not meet code standards, so the Board is unable to answer the original question, namely: if a sheet metal license is needed to work with them.
- Email from Paul Hardiman of Murphy Specialties to the Board of Examiners of Sheet Metal Workers. Originally dated July 25, 2025, regarding a question about sheet metal chutes.
 - Members reviewed the additional documentation submitted by Mr. Hardiman and briefly continued the discussion from the last Board meeting. Mr. Hardiman was in attendance and interacted directly with members of the Board. The Board directed Mr. Hardiman to send Executive Director Ryan Doherty drawings of the sheet metal chutes in question and will review again during the October Board meeting.
- Letter from Matthew Bedard of Ferguson Enterprises, LLC to the Board of Examiners of Sheet Metal Workers. Originally dated August 20, 2025, submitted with Business application 2025-000273-SM-BSA, regarding Designation of Master Sheet Metal Worker for Massachusetts Operations
 - Executive Director Ryan Doherty advised the Board that this item is not ready for Board review yet as it is currently under review internally with senior counsel. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda after senior counsel review is complete.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

- None

Public Comment

- Member Peter Kelly called on public member Christopher Mattson of the Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS) and inquired if there was anything he would like to speak with the Board about. Mr. Mattson stated he was only in attendance to observe the meeting and noted that he will be taking over for Division of Apprentice Standards employee Laura Lee.

Executive Session

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to discuss applicants' character rather than competence

At approximately 9:29 AM Timothy Hathaway moved to exit open session and to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing applicants' character or reputation, rather than professional competence,

pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1). Daniel Flynn seconded the MOTION. On a roll call vote the MOTION passed, all members in favor. The vice chair noted that the Board would adjourn following the executive session and closed session matters.

Closed Session

Investigative Conferences, pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C

- During closed session, the board took the following actions:

2025-000657-IT-ENF	Return for further investigation
2025-000784-IT-ENF	Refer to Prosecutions
2025-000793-IT-ENF	Dismiss. Open new complaint
2025-000880-IT-ENF	Refer to Prosecutions

At approximately 10:25 AM Tim Hathaway moved to exit closed session, enter open session, and thereupon to adjourn the meeting. Mary McCarthy-Collins SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION passed on a roll call vote, all members in favor.

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

Draft Minutes

PSI Examination results

Correspondence about fan powered / filtered metal cabinets

Correspondence about sheet metal chutes