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**STATE PLUMBING BOARD**

Virtual Zoom Meeting Pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a

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**MINUTES**

April 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Mr. Joseph Alfonso, Charter Township of Holland, Ottawa County, MI
- Mr. Timothy Danielak, Township of Saginaw, Saginaw County, MI
- Mr. David DeYoung, Township of Victor, Ingham County, MI
- Mr. Scott Kalchik, City of Wixom, Oakland County, MI
- Mr. Paul Kurtzhals, Village of Wolverine Lake, Oakland County, MI
- Mr. Keith Lambert, Township of Watertown, Clinton County, MI
- Mr. Ernest Sarkipato, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, MI
- Mr. Mark Wiseley, Whitmore Lake, Livingston County, MI

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

\*Each attending member stated they were attending remotely.

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

- Ms. Alesha Gensler, Deputy Director, Administration, BCC
- Mr. Kevin Kalakay, Chief, Mechanical Division, BCC
- Mr. Andy Neuman, Chief, Plumbing Division, BCC
- Ms. Dawn Canfield, Departmental Analyst, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC
- Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC
- Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC
- Ms. Sara Leiby, Secretary, Administrative Services Division, BCC

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson Danielak called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

**2. COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES**

Ms. Leiby informed the meeting participants of the communication procedures.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Danielak and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to approve the agenda with amendment to add items B. 2018 Michigan Plumbing

Code Status, C. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Questions Update, and D. Update on Practical Exam under agenda item 6. Unfinished Business. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### A. February 2, 2021 - Open Session Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Sarkipato and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to approve the open session minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### B. February 2, 2021 - Closed Session Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to approve the closed session minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **5. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL**

##### A. Brandon L. Butler - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Brandon L. Butler's appeal of denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Butler was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to deny Mr. Butler's appeal as he is not qualified to take the examination. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

##### B. Paul Coombs - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Paul Coombs' appeal of denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Coombs was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to deny Mr. Coombs' appeal as he does not have the 3 years required to take the examination. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Russell J. Rudzis - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Russell J. Rudzis appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination.

Mr. Rudzis provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to approve Mr. Rudzis' appeal with the condition that within 90 days the applicant provides the required notarized documentation to verify he meets the work experience requirements as stated in MCL 339.6115. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. William P. Vreeke - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. William P. Vreeke appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination.

Mr. Vreeke provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to deny Mr. Vreeke's appeal as submitted as the applicant was not a registered apprentice for three (3) years. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Richard C. Best - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Richard C. Best appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination.

Mr. Best provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to deny Mr. Best's appeal as submitted due to a lapse in licensure. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. William D. Godwin - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. William D. Godwin appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination.

Mr. Godwin provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Godwin's appeal as he does not meet the work experience requirement for the two (2) years immediately proceeding due to a lapse in licensure. (Aye: Board Members Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Members Alfonso and Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Peter Vander Weide - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Peter Vander Weide appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination.

Mr. Vander Weide provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Vander Weide's appeal as he does not meet the work experience requirement for the two (2) years immediately proceeding due to a lapse in licensure. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Bradley A. Kalis - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Bradley A. Kalis' appeal of denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination was reviewed by the Board as the meeting invitation was not sent to the correct address for the last meeting in which the Board reviewed his appeal.

Mr. Kalis was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to deny Mr. Kalis' appeal as the applicant does not hold a Florida license there is a lack of proof of experience. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None; Abstain: Board Member Lambert) **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Status

Chief Neuman provided an update on the Part 7 Plumbing Rules which were sent to the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs for approval. Once approved, a certificate of adoption will be filed with the Secretary of State and will be effective 120 days after filing.

C. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Questions Update

Board Member Kurtzhals informed the Board that he did some field research as he received out of state licenses. A subcommittee of the Board and Chief Neuman plan to meet soon to update the examination questions in accordance with the new code.

D. Update on Practical Exam

Chief Neuman informed the Board that the Bureau is reviewing a cost estimate to provide a practical portion for the examinations.

Chairperson Danielak requested for the ongoing topics above listed as items 6.B., 6.C., and 6.D. to be included under Unfinished Business for future meetings.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Plumbing Division Report

Chief Neuman reported on the following:

Mr. Pete Ingalls, Plumbing Inspector and Plan Reviewer, retired on December 31, 2020. Mr. Allon Robbins is the new Plumbing Inspector and Plan Reviewer as of April 4, 2021. The Bureau is in the process of filling Mr. Robbin's prior Plumbing Inspector position.

The plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI. Chairperson Danielak confirmed that the Board wants to continue to receive the pass/fail results at future meetings.

8. **BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT**

Director Lambert reported on the following:

The Licensing and Compliance Division recently hired two (2) Departmental Analysts to review complaints.

The Bureau is in the process of filling elevator inspector vacancies.

The Part 4 Michigan Building Code Rules for the adoption of the 2018 edition were submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) on March 30, 2021.

The Bureau initiated a six-month temporary project to reduce the residential builder complaint backlog.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Vincent Fenech commented that he was urged to contact the Board by a local inspector regarding unregistered apprentices performing work permitted by a licensed plumber on a large warehouse project in Frenchtown Township.

Director Lambert reminded the Board that regulatory matters should not be heard nor discussed during public comment. Additionally, he informed the Board that the Licensing and Compliance Division would respond to Mr. Fenech to see if he would like to file a complaint. The Division investigates complaints to have due process for anyone that may be coming before the Board for action.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE - AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Forum on August 3, 2021.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert, Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**