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**STATE PLUMBING BOARD**  
**Michigan History Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Forum**  
**702 West Kalamazoo Street**  
**Lansing, MI 48915**

**MINUTES**  
August 3, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

**APPROVED 10/26/2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Joseph Alfonso  
Mr. Timothy Danielak  
Mr. David DeYoung  
Mr. Scott Kalchik  
Mr. Paul Kurtzhals  
Mr. Keith Lambert  
Mr. Ernest Sarkipato  
Mr. Mark Wiseley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Mr. Andy Neuman, Chief, Plumbing Division, BCC  
Ms. Dawn Canfield, Departmental Analyst, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC  
Ms. Amanda Johnson, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC  
Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to approve the agenda. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. April 20, 2021

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to approve the open session minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL**

A. Jacob Gebbard- Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Jacob Gebhard and Mr. David Tallman appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination.

Mr. Gebhard and Mr. David Tallman provided testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to deny Mr. Gebhard's appeal as he does not have the 3 years required to take the examination unless he is able to provide proof of time missed in 2018, 2019, and 2020 within 45 days of the date of this decision. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Michael Gleason - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Michael Gleason appeal of denial of his Master Plumber Application Examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Gleason 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. Gleason's appeal as he does not meet the work experience requirement for the two (2) years immediately preceding due to a lapse in licensure. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. PETITION APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY**

A. Supply Source Products – Isotubi-USA Steel Joining System

Mr. John Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for Supply Source Products' Isotubi-USA Steel Joining System was presented to the Board.

No representative from Supply Source Products was present.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to postpone Supply Source Products' Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability until a representative from the company can be present at the meeting. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Supply Source Products – CopperPress Copper Joining System

Mr. John Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for Supply Source Products' CopperPress Copper Joining System was presented to the Board.

No representative from Supply Source Products was present.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to postpone Supply Source Products' Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability until a representative from the company can be present at the meeting. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Lambert Sarkipato, and Wiseley; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Status

Chief Neuman updated the Board that the International Code Council (ICC) sent a draft of the code book mid-July as which time he reviewed and submitted his comments back to ICC. He has since received communication from ICC that they will make the necessary changes or corrections so the code book can be printed. The code is set to go into effect September 15, 2021.

Chairperson Danielak offered Chief Neuman any support the Board can provide in reviewing code books.

B. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Questions Update

Chief Neuman updated the Board that while the bureau's waiting for the code books, it has been in contact with PSI to determine their timeline for when code questions will be in their system.

When questions are reviewed, they will be done for masters, journeypersons and contractors.

C. Update on Practical Exam

Chief Neuman is coordinating with PSI on how communications to examinees will be handled and working with several venues to find adequate accommodations for testing sites. The bureau is planning to offer the tests quarterly.

The Board offered Chief Neuman its support, if needed, with administering the exams.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Plumbing Division Report

Chief Neuman reported on the following:

Interviews for the Plumbing Division's lead inspector position are being conducted this week.

The division is working to back-fill its Plumbing Inspector position previously held by Allon Robbins.

The plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI.

8. **BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT**

Director Lambert reported on the following:

A new Residential Builders Section has been created and Ms. Felicia Badger is the new manager effective June 14, 2021.

The revisions of Chapters 1 and 2 of the 2015 Michigan Residential Code will be effective October 4, 2021.

After the Board's February 2, 2021 decision denying the variance request at Charles Hackley Middle School, Muskegon Public Schools filed an appeal with the Construction Code Commission (CCC). The appeal was presented to the CCC on June 17, 2021 at which time the Commission made a motion to support and pass by a 6-4 vote to reverse the Board's decision and approve the requested variance. In reaching its decision the CCC found there was exceptional practical difficulty that prevents compliance with 2015 Michigan Plumbing Code (MPC), Section 403.2, the requested variance is not a

substantial deviation from Section 403.2 of the code, and the requested variance is not so general or recurrent in nature such that an amendment of the code would be more appropriate.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE – OCTOBER 26, 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 October 26, 2021.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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