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MINUTES
October 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Timothy Danielak, Chairperson
Mr. Mark Wiseley, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Joseph Alfonso
Mr. Scott Kalchik
Mr. Paul Kurtzhals
Mr. Keith Lambert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. David DeYoung
Mr. Ernest Sarkipato

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Mr. Andy Neuman, Chief, Plumbing Division, BCC
Ms. Dianne Barmes, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC
Ms. Hillary Millen, 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 Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 3, 2021

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Paul Siple - Journey Plumber Examination

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

Mr. Siple was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Siple's appeal as he did not meet the licensing requirements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Hunter James Williams - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Hunter James Williams' appeal of denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Williams was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wisely and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Williams' appeal as he did not meet the licensing requirements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Nelson Dowe - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Nelson Dowe's appeal of re-licensure without having to meet the statutory requirements of examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Nelson was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Dowe's appeal for an exception to the statutory requirements for re-licensure without examination. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Joshua VanBeek - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Joshua VanBeek appeal of denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. VanBeek 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. VanBeek's appeal as he did not meet the licensing requirements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. John Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for the Isotubi-USA Steel Joining System was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Higdon was present to provide testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wisely and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to postpone Mr. Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability until the Board can present Mr. Higdon with additional Board Member questions, and Mr. Higdon provides satisfactory responses to those questions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Supply Source Products – CopperPress Copper Joining System

Mr. John Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for the CopperPress Copper Joining System was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Higdon was present to provide testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to recommend approval of Mr. Higdon's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability to the State Construction Code Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Status

Chief Neuman reported he received notification from the International Code Council (ICC) that the 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code books are available and ready to be shipped. The electronic version will be available November 8, 2021. Posting on the free site will not be available until the digital codes have been converted.

D. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Questions Update

Chief Neuman reported that questions still need to be developed; however, that will be easier now that the new code is available.

E. Update on Practical Exam

New admission cards are being created to meet the criteria. A copper project is being developed. The Bureau has an internal group working on the logistics and items such as the admission cards. Planning to implement after the first of year.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Plumbing Division Report

Chief Neuman reported on the following:

The plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI.

Announced to the Board that he will be retiring November 12, 2021. Chairperson Danielak thanked him for his time and service, commented that he valued the time they worked together, and wished Chief Newman the best in retirement.

7. **BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT**

Director Lambert reported on the following:

The Bureau continues to work with auditors regarding their findings during its 2020 audit, and BCC is addressing any issues with resources the Bureau has.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cindy Maher, Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors' Association (MPMCA) Executive Director offered MPMCA's assistance with the filing of complaints for unlicensed activity as well as any other items they can be of help with.

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933 in Upper Level Conference Room 3 on February 1, 2022.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**