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Michigan History Museum, The Forum
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, MI 48915

APPROVED 01/23/2023

MINUTES
October 25, 2022
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
Vacant, EGLE-Drinking Water & Municipal
Assistance Division

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Ms. Alesha Gensler, Division Deputy Director, Licensing, Compliance, & Administration Div., BCC
Mr. Jon Paradine, Division Deputy Director, Inspections Division, BCC
Mr. Kole Myers, Chief, Plumbing Section, BCC
Ms. Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Section, BCC
Mr. Bryan Bryson, Manager, Administrative Section, BCC
Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Section, BCC
Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Section, BCC

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Danielak called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 2, 2022

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Matthew Tulip – Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure

Mr. Matthew Tulip did not appear before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Mr. Tulip was not present to provide 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 Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Tulip's appeal due to reasons stated in the Bureau's September 27, 2022 Memorandum. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Eric Brough - Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure

Mr. Eric Brough did not appear before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Mr. Brough was not present to provide 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. Brough's appeal due to reasons stated in the Bureau's September 27, 2022 Memorandum. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. James Mouchet – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

Mr. James Mouchet appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Mr. Mouchet was present to provide 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 Alfonso to approve Mr. Mouchet's appeal and allow him to sit for the master's exam. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. PETITION APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

A. Kennedy Solutions Inc. – KSI HDPE Gravity Grease/Grit Interceptor

Kennedy Solutions Inc.'s Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for KSI HDPE Gravity Grease/Grit Interceptor was presented to the Board.

Mr. Ray Kennedy, Dr. Don Carpenter, Mr. Mike Johnson, Mr. Dave Burton were present, and Mr. Kennedy provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend approval of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for KSI HDPE Gravity Grease/Grit Interceptor as submitted to the Construction Code Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Kennedy Solutions Inc. – KSI HDPE Gravity Oil/Grit Separator

Kennedy Solutions Inc.'s Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for KSI HDPE Gravity Oil/Grit Separator was presented to the Board.

Mr. Ray Kennedy, Dr. Don Carpenter, Mr. Mike Johnson, Mr. Dave Burton were present, and Mr. Kennedy provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend approval of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for KSI HDPE Gravity Oil/Grit Separator as submitted to the Construction Code Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Clayton Staricha – Request for Experience: Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Clayton Staricha did not appear before the Board to request the Board review his documentation to determine if he qualifies to test for the journey plumber license.

Mr. Staricha was not present to provide testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCLs 339.5203, 339.5527, 339.5529, and 339.5531.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurthzhals to deny Mr. Staricha's request due to reasons stated in the Bureau's March 18, 2022 Memorandum. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Flow-Liner Systems, Ltd. – Neofit+Plus Expandable Pressure Pipe

Flow-Liner Systems, Ltd., Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for the Isotubi-USA Steel Joining System was presented to the Board.

Mr. Jeff Tanner was present to provide testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to recommend approval of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for Neofit+Plus Expandable Pressure Pipe as submitted to the Construction Code Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Plumbing Section Report

Chief Myers provided the Board with the plumbing examination pass and fail results from the practical examination held August 2, 2022. There were 25 individuals on the roster and 21 of those individuals appeared to take the test. The next test is scheduled for November 1, 2022, and there are 50 individuals listed on the roster for that examination.

B. Update on Backflow Preventer Testing

Vice Chairperson Wisely asked questions of Chief Myers regarding unlicensed people installing backflow preventer testing. Chief Myers stated he will research the situation and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Kevin Roby, City of Novi, spoke regarding backflow preventers being installed by unlicensed individuals.

8. **BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT**

Deputy Director Lambert reported on the following:

Through a Bureau reorganization, Andrew Brisbo joined the Bureau as its new Director the week of September 18, 2022.

Jon Paradine who has been managing the Bureau's Building Section is now the Inspections Division Deputy Director, and Alesha Gensler is now the Division Deputy Director for the Bureau's new Licensing, Compliance & Administration Division.

Bryan Bryson began September 4, 2022, as the new manager hired to fill the long-term manager vacancy in the Administrative Section.

The 2018 Building and Mechanical Codes are being rescinded, and the Bureau will instead be moving ahead to the 2021 cycle for these codes. Plumbing will be the only code in the 2018 cycle. Chief Myers is currently working on 2021 Plumbing Code.

The Legislature has amended the Open Meetings Act requiring public meetings be recorded. The changes will take effect in 2023.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Roby, City of Novi, spoke regarding unlicensed work of mechanical contractors related to fire suppression systems and plumbing systems.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – JANUARY 31, 2023

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933 in the Upper Level Conference Room 2 on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**