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STATE PLUMBING BOARD
Ottawa Building, Upper Level Conference Room 3
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

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MINUTES
February 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Timothy Danielak, Chairperson
Mr. Mark Wiseley, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Joseph Alfonso
Mr. David DeYoung
Mr. Paul Kurtzhals
Mr. Keith Lambert
Mr. Ernest Sarkipato

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Scott Kalchik

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Ms. Dianne Barmes, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC
Mr. Jon Paradine, Chief, Building and Permits Division, BCC
Mr. Lance Ash, Chief, Electrical Division, BCC
Mr. AJ Libby, Lead Inspector, Electrical Division, BCC
Mr. Scott Wilmot, Lead Inspector, Building & Permits 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 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wisely to approve the agenda with amendments to add nomination and election of a Chairperson to Item 4. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 26, 2021

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE CHAIRPERSON

A. Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wisely and **SECONDED** by Board Member Sarkipato to nominate Board Member Danielak as Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to nominate Board Member Wisely as Vice Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Richardo Flores – Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Richardo Flores did not appear before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Flores’ appeal due to lack of time required as a registered apprentice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Todd Martin - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Todd Martin appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Sarkipato to deny Mr. Martin’s appeal due to lack of time required as a registered apprentice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Due to confusion with names McCain and McCann, Item E was addressed before Item C.

C. Howard McCain Jr. - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Howard McCain Jr. did not appear before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journey Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to deny Mr. McCain's appeal due to lack of proper documentation and lack of time required as a registered apprentice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Kody Smith - Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Kody Smith appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application Journey Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6115.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to deny Mr. Smith's appeal due to lack of time required as a registered apprentice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Dylan McCann – Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Dylan McCann appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to deny Mr. McCann's appeal due to lack of time required as a registered journey plumber. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Justin Myers - Master Plumber Examination

Mr. Justin Myers appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination under requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to deny Mr. Meyers' appeal due to lack of holding active journey plumber license for two (2) years immediately preceding application for master license. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

Mr. Higdon was not present to provide testimony for the review.

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

B. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Status

Chairperson Danielak asked staff for clarification on PVC piping being removed from Chapter 11, Table 1102.4. Director Lambert explained the Bureau's aware of the situation and a correction is being worked on to resolve the issue

C. 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Questions Update

Exam questions have been created and reviewed by the Bureau's Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing Divisions for accuracy.

The Board was concerned there was no input from its subcommittee; however, the subcommittee acknowledged it had not been able to make progress in creating questions. With Chief Neuman's retirement, Chief Kalakay of the Bureau's Mechanical Division is temporarily managing the Plumbing Division and was unaware of the Board's subcommittee. Additionally, Executive Order 2017-3 gives authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to the Department with the Board being advisory in nature.

D. Update on Practical Exam

The first two (2) new practical examinations will be administered in February and May 2022 in Lansing by Bureau employees including plumbing inspection staff as proctors.

Chairperson Danielak asked for an update on how the February examination goes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plumbing Division Report

The Bureau has been unsuccessful in being able to hire a new Chief for the Plumbing Division. Therefore, Chief Kalakay will continue to temporarily manage this program.

9. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Lambert reported on the following:

The Bureau continues to work with auditors regarding their findings during its 2020 audit.

One of the findings is the need to update codes more timely. Therefore, the 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code (MPC) has just been updated and the Bureau is moving towards working on the 2021. Currently, updating the Michigan Energy Code is a priority.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kevin Roby, City of Novi, stated concerns regarding confusing information by a 2014 memorandum put out by the Bureau versus 2018 MPC and 2016 PA 407 requirements.

Ms. Cindy Maher, Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors' Association (MPMCA), asked about the status of code update classes for licensed plumbers.

Mr. Paul Kurtzhals recently updated his license and stated concerns with navigating and understanding the Bureau's Accela system.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – APRIL 19, 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 April 19, 2022.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**