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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
April 19, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Paul Kurtzhals

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Mr. Kevin Kalakay, Chief, Mechanical Division, BCC
Ms. Dianne Barmes, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC
Mr. Jon Paradine, Chief, Building and 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 Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 1, 2022

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Jesse Goodrich – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

Mr. Jesse Goodrich appeared and provided testimony before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure under requirements of MCL 339.6113

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to approve Mr. Goodrich's appeal as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. REQUEST FOR EXPERIENCE

A. Clayton Staricha – Journey Plumber Examination

Mr. Clayton Staricha did not appear before the Board to request Board review of 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 Alfonso to postpone Mr. Staricha's appeal to allow the requester the opportunity to attend and provide more information regarding his plumbing knowledge, work performed, skills, and why he believes he is able to perform journey-level plumbing work competently as well as a complete explanation as to why he did not register as a plumbing apprentice and why the Board should make an exception for him from the requirements of the law.. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. PETITION APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

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

Mr. Jeff Tanner presented Flow-Liner Systems, Ltd. – Neofit+Plus Expandable Pressure Pipe's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for virgin PET expandable pressure pipe barrier for use in lead service pipes.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Sarkipato and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to postpone the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability to have further discussions with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy staff and be able to report back to the Board at the next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Polyvalve LLC – Polyethylene Ball Valves for Potable Water, Non-Potable Water and Sewer Applications

Mr. Joe Beaumont, Mr. Steve Hogle, and State Representative Steve Johnson presented Polyvalve LLC – Polyethylene Ball Valves for Potable Water, Non-Potable Water and Sewer Application's Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for NSF approved polyethylene ball valves with NSF approved polythelene pipe, standard polyethylene ball valves for non-potable water and sewer applications, and directly fusion welded to polyethylene pipe.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Sarkipato and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to recommend approval of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability to the State Construction Code Commission for polyethylene ball valves for potable water, non-potable water and sewer applications as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **MEET & GREET - MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TALENT SOLUTIONS (MITS)**

MITS Program Director Annie Fenton provided a presentation introducing herself and their program to the Board.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Plumbing Division Report

Chief Kalakay provided the Board the plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI.

Chief Kalakay reported the Bureau held its first practical exam with two (2) applicants, and that Chairperson Danielak was also present to observe the exam. The next exam is scheduled for May 24, 2022 and there are 15 applicants registered.

B. Backflow Preventer Testing

Board Member Sarkipato reported on the implications of backflow preventer testing and the effects in the field.

10. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Lambert reported on the following:

The Bureau is currently working to back-fill its Plumbing Chief position with hopes to have the position filled soon.

The Bureau has back-filled the inspector position that covers the Benton Harbor area, so that inspector will be handling the lead pipe replacement project in Benton Harbor. BCC has been attempting to hire two (2) limited-term positions to assist with the project but has so far been unsuccessful.

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

BCC is working to update the 2021 State Code. The Energy is taking priority, the Residential will be next, then all other codes will follow.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kevin Roby, City of Novi, stated the City of Novi has been struggling with determining who can test and who cannot test back-flow preventers.

Ms. Cindy Maher, Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors' Association (MPMCA), stated MPMCA has been approved to provide a code update class. The class is 3-hours long and is available online.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE – AUGUST 2, 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 August 2, 2022.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**