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

**APPROVED 10/25/2022**

**MINUTES**  
August 2, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Joseph Alfonso  
Mr. David DeYoung  
Mr. Ernest Sarkipato

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Ms. Alesha Gensler, Division Director, Licensing and Compliance Division, BCC  
Mr. Kole Myers, Chief, Plumbing Section, BCC  
Ms. Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Section, BCC  
Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC  
Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC  
Ms. Katherine Place, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC  
Mr. Tony Williamson, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson Danielak called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 19, 2022

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Jason Cooper - Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

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

Mr. Cooper 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 Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to deny Mr. Cooper's appeal as stated in the Bureau's June 28, 2022 Memorandum stating due to Mr. Cooper's lapsed licenses he has not held the journey license for at least 2 years immediately preceding his application for master plumber licensing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Joseph Kinnee - Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

Mr. Joseph Kinnee did not appear before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Mr. Kinnee was not present to provide testimony regarding his work experience for review to the requirements of MCL 339.6113.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to deny Mr. Kinnee's appeal as he does not meet the minimum standards for testing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 5. PETITION APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

A. OmegaFlex, Inc.– MediTrac Corrugated Medical Tubing (CMT)

OmegaFlex, Inc.'s Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for MediTrac Corrugated Medical Tubing (CMT) was presented to the Board.

Mr. Jonathon Sargeant was present to provide testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to recommend approval to the Construction Code Commission of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for MediTrac Corrugated Medical Tubing (CMT) as submitted. **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 Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to postpone Mr. Staricha's request until the Board's next meeting as requested by Mr. Staricha. **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 Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wiseley to recommend postpone of the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for Neofit+Plus Expandable Pressure Pipe until Board Member Sarkipato can attend. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Plumbing Section Report

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

The Chief also reported on the practical test stating 21 applicants took the last exam and 12 passed. Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> exam for the next test. There were 25 applicants on the roster and 22 appeared.

B. Update on Backflow Preventer Testing

Board Member Sarkipato was not in attendance and Board Member Kurtzhals stated he had nothing to report.

Chairperson Danielak thanked Mr. Kevin Roby, City of Novi, for attending the meeting and asked if Mr. Roby had any comments. Mr. Roby reiterated the importance of the topic for public safety, and on the liability for any decision the City makes on how to address the matter.

**8. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT**

Director Lambert reported on the following:

Director Lambert introduced Kole Myers as the Bureau's new Plumbing Chief. Kole was previously with the Bureau's Plumbing Division, left the Bureau, and has returned to take the Chief position.

The Director informed the Board that Dianne Barmes who was the Bureau's Licensing and Compliance Manager retired after 48 years of State service and having been with the Bureau since 2003. Kelly Bean now holds the Licensing and Compliance Manager.

Tony Williamson and Kathi Place were also introduced by the Director Lambert as the Bureau's two (2) new code analysts to help BCC expedite the code adoption processes.

The Director also introduced Jon Paradine who has been managing the Bureau's Building Section is now the Inspections Division Director.

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

The Bureau is also continuing to work on the adoption process for the Energy Codes.

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

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cindy Maher, Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors' Association (MPMCA), welcomed new chief Myers and was glad the Board was able to hold the meeting.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE – OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at Michigan History Center, Forum, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915 on October 25, 2022.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kalchik to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**