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LANSING

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

APPROVED 4/16/2025

MINUTES
February 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Wiseley, Vice Chairperson
Joseph Alfonso
Scott Kalchik
Alesha Gensler
Robert Weir
David DeYoung
Paul Kurtzhals

MEMBERS ABSENT

Timothy Danielak, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Jon Paradine, Division Deputy Director, Inspections Division, BCC
Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Section, BCC
Shannon Maurer, Manager, Operations Section, BCC
Lakisha Thomas, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC
Megan McCool, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chairperson Mark Wiseley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 22, 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICER

A. Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to table the nomination and election of Chairperson until the next scheduled meeting of April 16, 2025. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Weir, Wiseley Nay: None). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to table the nomination and election of Vice Chairperson until the next scheduled meeting of April 16, 2025. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Danielak, DeYoung, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Weir, Wiseley Nay: None). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Tyler Rychel – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Tyler Rychel’s appeal and supplemental materials denying his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure under the requirements of MCL 339.6113 (1)(d).

Tyler Rychel did appear before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend denial to the Bureau of Construction Codes of Tyler Rychel’s appeal due not being licensed as a journey plumber for two years immediately preceding the application as required by MCL 339.6113 (1)(d). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Nolan Kare – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Nolan Kare’s appeal and supplemental materials denying his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure under the requirements of MCL 339.6113 (1)(d).

Nolan Kare did appear before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Wiseley to recommend denial to the Bureau of Construction Codes of Nolan Kare’s appeal to due to not being licensed as a journey plumber for two years immediately preceding the application as required by MCL 339.6113 (1)(d). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. PETITION APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

A. American Pipelining Supplies – Houseliner System

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed the American Pipelining Supplies' s Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for Houseliner System, and all supplemental materials provided.

Kathryne De Vido did not appear before the Board and present on behalf of American Pipelining Supplies.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to table the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for American Pipelining Supplies until the next scheduled meeting of April 16, 2025, due to the applicant's absence from the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plumbing Section Report

Jon Paradine provided the Board with the plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI as well as the plumbing practical exam from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

9. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Division Deputy Director Alesha Gensler reported on the following:

The Bureau recently went through an organization restructure. Keith Lambert who normally attended and provided the Board with the Bureau's quarterly report, will now oversee the Specialty Trades Division which includes Boiler, Elevator and Ski and Amusement.

Alesha informed the Board that she will now provide the Board with the Bureau Quarterly Report.

Jon Paradine will now oversee the Inspection Division which includes the Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Plan Review, Permits and Training and Education.

Senate Bill 740 was previously signed into law, is now PA 172 of 2024, and will take effect April 2, 2025. More information will be provided by the Bureau and emailed to all licensees.

The 2021 Michigan Building Code and Michigan Rehabilitation Code Rules were filed December 10, 2024, and will go into effect April 9, 2025. 2021 Michigan Energy Commercial Code Rules were filed December 23, 2024, and go into effect April 22, 2025. The Bureau held a public meeting on December 12, 2024, for the public to provide the Bureau with comments on moving forward with the 2024 Michigan Residential Code. The Bureau will pursue the adoption of the 2024 International Residential Code (IRC). The Bureau plans to pursue the 2021 Michigan Residential Energy Code and the Residential Code which were filed with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

Alesha Gensler asked the Board if they would like the Bureau to report on any other items for the Plumbing Section Report to ensure the Bureau is meeting the needs of the Board.

The Board asked if the Bureau planned make any changes to Accela. Alesha Gensler ensured the Board that the Bureau is working on making Accela more convenient and user friendly. Kelly Bean, Licensing Section Manager, informed the Board that the Licensing Section is taking all measures to make the renewal process as easy as possible for license holders.

The Bureau is still struggling to obtain quorum for meetings. Alesha asked that the Board please add the meeting dates to their calendar.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – APRIL 16, 2025

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 4 on April 16, 2025.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**