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STATE PLUMBING BOARD
Ottawa Building, Upper Level Conference Room 4
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

APPROVED 7/29/2025

MINUTES
April 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Wiseley, Vice Chairperson
Joseph Alfonso
Scott Kalchik
Paul Kurtzhals
Alesha Gensler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Timothy Danielak, Chairperson
Robert Weir
David DeYoung

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Andrew Brisbo, Bureau Director, Administration, BCC
Renee Tober, Departmental Specialist, Administration, BCC
Kate Wagner, Legislative Liaison, Administration, BCC
Jon Paradine, Division Deputy Director, Inspections Division, BCC
Lance Ash, Code Inspector Supervisor, Electrical Section, BCC
Matthew Hohman, Code Inspector Supervisor, Plumbing Section, BCC
Tracie Pack, Manager, Building Trades Section and Administrative Section, BCC
Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing 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 Wiseley 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 Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 4, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board Member Scott Kalchik joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICER

A. Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to nominate Board Member Wiseley as Chairperson. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Kalchik, Kurtzhals, Nay: None). **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to nominate Board Member Kalchik, as Vice Chairperson. (Aye: Board Members Alfonso, Kurtzhals, Wiseley Nay: None). **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Leon Starkey – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

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

Leon Starkey did not appear before the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes deny Leon Starkey’s application for master examination, however, leave the application open until July for the applicant to meet the requirements to sit for the exam. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Tyler Bradley – Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Tyler Bradley’s appeal and supplemental materials denying his Application for Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure under the requirements of MCL 339.6115 (1)(d)(i).

Tyler Bradley did not appear before the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes deny Tyler Bradley's appeal due to not having the required time immediately preceding the application. **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.

Jake Saltzman, CEO of American Pipelining Supplies, appeared before the Board and presented on behalf of American Pipelining Supplies.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Kalchik and **SECONDED** by Board Member Alfonso to recommend approval of American Pipelining Supplies' Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability to the Construction Code Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Division Deputy Director Alesha Gensler reported on the following:

PA 172 of 2024 requiring a ratio of one master or journey plumber to every two apprentice plumbers on a job site went into effect on April 2, 2025.

The 2021 Michigan Building and Rehabilitation Codes went into effect on April 9, 2025. The 2021 Michigan Energy Commercial Code will take effect on April 22, 2025. The 2021 Michigan Residential Code and 2021 Michigan Residential Energy Code were refiled with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The Bureau submitted the Request for Rule Making for the 2024 Plumbing and Mechanical Codes on February 19, 2025. The request for code proposals were open to the public starting

March 10, 2025 and closed April 9, 2025. Plumbing received 16 proposals and Mechanical received 21 code proposals.

Alesha provided the Board with the plumbing exam pass/fail results from PSI as well as the plumbing practical exam from January 1, 2025, to March 23, 2025.

Jon Paradine informed the Board of changes to the practical portion of the examination that are due to go into effect in August of 2025.

The Bureau will now have practical exams monthly and has added a testing location in Cadillac, MI and St. Ignace, MI.

Alesha reminded the Board that Bureau is still struggling to obtain quorum for meetings. Alesha asked that the Board please add the meeting dates to their calendar and encourage other members to attend.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Kalchik commented on the differences of difficulty of the State of Michigan's exam versus exams in other states.

Board Member Alfonso commented on challenges of giving applicants the option on the practical testing.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – JULY 29, 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 3 on July 29, 2025.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**