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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

MINUTES

January 27, 2026

10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Wiseley, Chairperson
Paul Kurtzhals, Vice Chairperson
Timothy Danielak
Robert Weir
David DeYoung
Tim Hicks

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Alfonso
Alesha Gensler

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Andrew Brisbo, Bureau Director, Administration, BCC
Jonathan Paradine, Division Director, Building Trades Division, BCC
Matthew Hohman, Code Inspector Supervisor, Plumbing Section, BCC
Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing Section, BCC
Shannon Maurer, Manager, Operations Section, BCC
Nathan Simon, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC
Megan McCool, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC
Kole Myers Chief Plumbing Division
Tracie Pack, Manager, Building Trades Section, BCC
Katie Wagner, Bureau Administration Assistant BCC

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Wiseley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 28, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Danielak to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to approve the nomination as Mark Wiseley State Plumbing Board Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Danielak to approve the nomination of Paul Kurtzhals as State Plumbing Board Vice Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kelly Bean, Licensing Section updated the Board that Bureau staff have been researching options for licensees that have had a license lapse for more than the 3 years as allowed by the 2016 PA 407.

6. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Jonathan Welch – Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Jonathan Welch’s appeal of the Bureau of Construction Code’s Notice of Intent to Deny his master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Jonathan Welch appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes Deny Jonathan Welch’s appeal due to the lapse of his license. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Dennis Pider– Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Dennis Pider appeal of the Bureau of Construction Code's Notice of Intent to Deny his master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Wiseley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Hicks to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes Deny Dennis Pider's appeal based on the lack of a notarized statement setting forth the required number of hours of experience. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Eric Brough– Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Eric Brough's appeal of the Bureau of Construction Code's Notice of Intent to Deny his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Eric Brough appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Danielak to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes Deny Eric Brough's appeal due to the lack of sufficient number of hours of experience. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Aarin Zelmer– Master Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Aarin Zelmer's appeal of the Bureau of Construction Code's Notice of Intent to Deny his Application for Master Plumber Examination and Licensure.

Aarin Zelmer did not appear before and did not present to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes Deny Aarin Zelmer's appeal due to the lack of sufficient number of hours of experience. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. PETITION APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

A. SafeBasements, Inc – SafeBasements Waterproofing, Interior Drain Tile System

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed the Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for SafeBasements Inc.

A representative from SafeBasements Inc. did not appear before the Board or present on behalf of SafeBasements, Inc.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Operations Section Manager reported on the following:

The Bureau is currently accepting code proposals from the public regarding the Skilled Trade Rules with a deadline of February 4, 2026.

A request for rulemaking has been approved to open the elevator rules and they are being drafted.

Bureau staff are in the process of completing the Regulatory Impact Statement for the updated Plumbing and Mechanical rules.

Rehab, Building, and Commercial Energy rules have been drafted and opened; this Board is reviewing those code proposals, and a meeting has been set to meet with the Chairs of the boards and commission affected on 2/26.

Bureau Re-organization: Creation of a new Mobile Home Section within the Bureau. This new section will focus on underperforming parks, particularly those that are unlicensed. Becky Jones has agreed to take the reins of this new section which will be housed in the Specialty Trades Division which became effective on 1/5/26.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Pider asked what the board does to help if an employer is unwilling to provide hours. And if there is any involvement with a state inspector that is disgruntled towards an individual, what can they do to live out the profession as they want to.

Eric Brough asked about uniformity and information of testing materials to bring to journeyman testing. Stated other individuals showed up with more tools and were more prepared for the test than what was recommended on the LARA website.

Jonathan Welch talked on the pathway to licensure of being able to drop down a level and be able to take the test. Asked why he cannot take the test at his master level as he thinks he can pass that test again.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – APRIL 15, 2026

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 April 15, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Board Member Kurtzhals to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**