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

MINUTES
April 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Kurtzhals, Chairperson
Tim Hicks, Vice Chairperson
Timothy Danielak
Joseph Alfonso
Ryan Lyle
Alesha Gensler
Burt Steinman
David DeYoung

MEMBERS ABSENT

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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
Megan Harrison, HR Developer, Training and Education Section, BCC
Matthew Hohman, Chief, Plumbing Section, BCC
Tracie Pack, Manager, Building Trades Section, BCC
Kami Trescone, Assistant Attorney General, DAG
Kim Breitmeyer, Assistant Attorney General, DAG

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chair Paul Kurtzhals 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 Hicks to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 27, 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alfonso and **SECONDED** by Board Member Danielak to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lyle to approve the nomination and election of Paul Kurtzhals as State Plumbing Board Chairperson. (AYE: Hicks, Danielak, Alfonso, Lyle. Paul Kurtzhals abstained from voting) **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lyle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Danielak to approve the nomination and election of Tim Hicks as State Plumbing Board Vice Chairperson. (AYE: Kurtzhals, Danielak, Alfonso, Lyle. Tim Hicks abstained from voting) **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

1. Joseph Naughton –Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Joseph Naughton’s appeal of the Bureau of Construction Codes’ Notice of Intent to Deny his Journey Plumber Examination and Licensure.

No one on behalf of Joseph Naughton appeared before the Board.

Kelly Bean, Licensing Section Manager, appeared before the Board and presented on behalf of the Bureau of Construction Codes (Bureau).

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Danielak and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Hicks to recommend that the Bureau of Construction Codes DENY Joseph Naughton’s appeal for the reasons stated in the Bureau’s February 3, 2026, Notice of Intent to Deny. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. PETITION FOR APPROVAL/CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

1. Justin Schutmaat Builders – Orbital Shower Cabinet Hatch R3

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed the Petition for Approval for Certificate of Acceptability for Justin Schutmaat Builders – Orbital Shower Cabinet Hatch R3.

No one on behalf of Justin Schutmaat Builders appeared before the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Kurtzhals and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lyle to recommend the Petition for Approval for Certificate of Acceptability Petition submitted by Justin Schutmaat Builders for Orbital Shower Cabinet Hatch R3 be tabled until the petitioner can appear to answer the Board's questions about the product during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. TRAINING

Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Kami Trescone provided the Board with training.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Tim Hicks asked for an update regarding water conditioning equipment from the Bureau. Alesha Gensler indicated it would be looked into and added to the Board's next meeting agenda.

7. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Alesha Gensler Reported on the following on behalf of the Bureau.

Exams:

Most recent practical exam was held on April 9 in Cadillac. There were 90 people who took the test, and there was a 69% passage rate.

Next exam is on May 5th in East Lansing at MSU.

Journey Exam: 502 exams have been taken. Of those, 164 people have passed (approximately 33%) and 307 failed.

Master Exam: 121 exams have been taken. Of those, 21 exams have been taken online. A total of 44 people have passed (6 were online; approximately 36%), and 93 have failed (14 of those were online).

Contractor Exam: 98 exams have been taken (22 were online). A total of 39 people have passed (6 were online; approximately 40%), and 45 have failed (10 were online).

A Request for Rulemaking (RFR) has been approved for the Skilled Trades Act Rules. The Bureau received code proposals and met with the Board and Commission chairs to review the proposals. A public advisory meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 1 PM.

The RFR has been approved for the Boiler Code Rules. The Bureau did not receive any code proposals but did meet with the Board and Commission chairs to review the rules. A public advisory meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 1 PM.

RFR has been approved for the Rehab, Commercial Energy and Building Rules. The Bureau received code proposals and met with the Board and Commission chairs to review the proposals. A public advisory meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 10 AM.

Bureau staff are in the process of completing the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the Plumbing and Mechanical rules. The RIS details what the impact of the rules would be on the Department and Michigan residents. A public hearing can be anticipated mid-2026.

The 2021 Residential and Residential Energy Codes are still under litigation.

Kevin Kalakay, former Mechanical Section Chief, retired at the end of 2025. The Bureau will be looking to fill that position in the future.

Katie Wagner was promoted to Specialty Trades Manager, backfilling Becky's previous position.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE –JULY 28, 2026

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933, in Upper-Level Conference Room 3 on July 28, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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