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HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES

JULY 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Robert Barrieau at 9:04 a.m. on July 22, 2021. This meeting was held via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Thomas F. Casey, Jr.	Unlimited Contractor
David G. Foster	Unlimited/General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyman
John T. Higgins, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyman

Members Absent:

Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyman
Philip H. Benoit	Sheet Metal Journeyman

Board Vacancies:

Four Public Members
Limited Sheet Metal Contractor

DCP Board Staff Present:

Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division

Others present:

Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator
Pamela Brown, DCP Director, Investigation Division
Peter Kelly, International Association of Plumbers & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Todd Berch, State Apprenticeship Director, Office of Apprenticeship Training, CT DOL

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp.
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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board April 8, 2021 meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Peter Kelly was in attendance at today's meeting for observation purposes only.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report dated May 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 submitted by the Investigations Division.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Occupational licensing Boards renewal form statement suggestion to Commissioner of Consumer Protection

After review and discussion, the Board is in agreement that the language suggested in the document provided to them for review at today's meeting should be added to the annual renewal form statement sent to licensees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

A. Update to be provided by designated board member

Robert Barrieau reported that there continues to be a large volume of applications for review. The applications are submitted with various types of documentation for proof of experience, education, and credentials held from other states.

B. Review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses

1. At the June 2, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent:

<u>Out of state license type</u>	<u>Connecticut License Type</u>
Rhode Island Refrig/Journey1 (RJI) and Natural Gas Serv/Journ2 (PJF) Licenses	CT D-2 License
Mass Pipefitter Unrestricted Journeyman License (PJU)	CT S-4 License

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Putnam County HVAC Journeyperson License

CT S-2 License

2. At the July 13, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent.

<u>Out of state license type</u>	<u>Connecticut License Type</u>
MA Journeyman Refrigeration Technicians License	CT D-4
RI Oil Burner Service/Journeyperson2 PJF License AND RI Natural Gas Service/Journeyperson2 PJF Licenses	CT B-2
Putnam County Journeyman LP Gas License	CT G-2
MA Sheet Metal License	CT SM-2

After review and discussion, the Board is in agreement that the licenses listed above are equivalent.

2. Applicant to appear via Zoom

John Gesualdi, B-2 license holder, requested to appear before the Board for discussion regarding the approval of apprenticeship hours for the S-2 license, however, he was unable to appear.

After a review of John's documentation and discussion, the Board determined that John can take the S-10 exam upon submission of a new application, as has been previously approved for the S-10 exam on 11-20-08 and 9-25-19. If he wishes to pursue approval to sit for the S-2 exam, he must complete the required apprenticeship hours and related education for the S-2 license.

3. Substitute House Bill No. 6100 - Public Act 21-37 - An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement, Antitrust Issues, and the Palliative Use of Marijuana and Revisions to the Liquor Control Act

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00037-R00HB-06100-PA.PDF>

Discussion took place regarding changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the right to cancel timeframe prior to performing

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work. Board members expressed their concern about how these changes would affect the way they currently conduct business. Richard Hurlburt will contact Commissioner Seagull and propose that a meeting with all occupational licensing directors be scheduled on this topic.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Application Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- October 14