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

October 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Robert Barrieau at 9:05 a.m. on October 6, 2022. This meeting was held via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

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| Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson | Unlimited Contractor |
| David G. Foster | Unlimited/General Contractor |
| Cameron G. Champlin, Jr. | Unlimited Journeyperson |
| John T. Higgins, Jr. | Unlimited Journeyperson |

Members Absent:

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| Philip H. Benoit | Sheet Metal Journeyperson |
| Thomas F. Casey, Jr. | Unlimited Contractor |
| Michael Rosario | Unlimited Journeyperson |

Board Vacancies:

Public Members (4)
Limited Sheet Metal Contractor

DCP Staff Present:

Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst
Shannon M Rivera, License and Application Analyst

Others present:

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made by Board Member Champlin, seconded by Board Member Foster, to approve the draft minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Board Member Foster expressed continued concern regarding PSI. Chairman Barrieau states he is working with the DCP Commissioner's office regarding the matter.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board requests the Complaint Status Report be provided by Janita Hamel at the January 5, 2023 meeting.

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Continued review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses**

Pending from State Application Review Group Meeting 2-1-22:

| <u>Out of state license type</u> | <u>Connecticut License Type</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Rockland County Licensed Mechanical Contractor | CT S-1 |

Chairman Barrieau stated Rockland County's license is similar to an S- 1 license. Karen Layman is currently working on this application. Board so noted.

Pending from State Application Review Group Meeting 4-5-22:

| <u>Out of state license type</u> | <u>Connecticut License Type</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Virginia Master Gas Fitter AND Virginia Heating, Ventilation and AC | CT S-1 |

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| New Jersey Master HVACR contractor | CT D-1 AND S-1 |
| Putnam County Master HVAC | CT S-1 |

Pending from State Application Review Group Meeting 5-3-22:

| <u>Out of state license type</u> | <u>Connecticut License Type</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Rhode Island Refrigeration Journeyman (RJ1) AND Rhode Island Pipefitter Journeyman (PJ1) | CT S-2 |
| Mass. Pipefitter Journeyman (PJ) AND Mass. Refrigeration Technician (RT) | CT S-2 |

Chairman Barrieau stated some applicants have requested D Licenses. D- 4 can be approved. However, unable to approve D- 2 until Gas and/ or Pipefitter course is taken. Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

Chairperson Barrieau stated he, Janita Hamel and Todd Berch continue to review applications for equivalent experience and training. He is also working with Andrea Comer to streamline the application process.

2. Application processing – PSI

The Board continued to express their concern regarding PSI's application process as well as difficulty communicating with PSI via phone. Registered/ accepted applicants are not in a "registered" status in the PSI online system preventing them to schedule a test date. A call to PSI is required to resolve this issue. Call wait times are extensive. Chairman Barrieau, as previously stated, continues to work with the DCP Commissioner's office to resolve this issue.

3. Boiler Maker License (BM-1/BM-2) Requirements:

Continued discussion took place regarding the related instruction and on the job training requirements for this license type. Chairperson Robert Barrieau stated a previous decision was made. The decision determined that once you get to the breach, it is no longer in the Boiler Maker License category, it now enters the S- 1 License category. The Board so noted.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Rivera

2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 5

April 4

July 13

October 5