

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
DRAFT
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2023

The meeting of the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Board was held at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Plaza North Room E, Hartford, Ct 06103. Chairman Barieau called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Board Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson, Unlimited Contractor
David G. Foster, Unlimited/General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyperson
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyperson
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyperson
Emmanuel Heredia, Sheet Metal Journeyperson

DCP Staff Present:

Jason Cohen, Director of Operations
Jennifer Rector, Executive Secretary
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney 3
John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager
Ryan Burns, Legal Program Director

Public Present:

Brian Thomas
Patrick Bowen

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Review of the Jan. 5, 2023, meeting minutes.

Board Member Higgins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

- November 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022: 4 files were closed and took in 6 new complaints.
- January 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023: 1 case closed and 17 new complaints.
- Janita Hamel let the board know they have hired two new inspectors and out doing more inspections than they were able to in a while

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- Ryan Burns elected that they are unable to talk about any open investigations
- Updated the board: They were able to bring the first 30 cases against Mr. Lanos to hearing and he elected not to defend the case. Once issued, it will be a public record. There are an upward of 40 cases against him that still need to be processed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Procedure for processing G2 applications
 - Now apply through DCP, no longer through PSI (online applications, no more paper)
 - Board Members are concerned that if Karen Layman and John Mesner no longer process applications in the future, new staff won't be as qualified. G2 applications are the least complex application to review.
 - Board Member Foster made a motion to recommended Karen Layman and John Mesner. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jeffrey Peters – application review

- Not present today
- Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. Patrick Bowen – application review

- Wasn't communicated with him that he needs to be registered as an apprentice in CT and denied because of it. His employer was aware, they had him submit another application and still have not registered him
- He does not have a D-2 MA license, it was never presented to him
- Board Member Rosario made a motion to table to the next meeting. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Brian Thomas

- Works for All Gas in Hartford, CT
- Has his S-9 and G-1
- Going for his ASME Class 9
- Looking for guidance as far as an MG-1
- Went to tech college after high school
- Get an application with past work history down and get himself an S-4. He is having trouble getting registered through his company due to holding the highest license within the company
- Company would have to hire someone with an S-1, P-1 or S-3 so he can get registered as an S-4 and take the med glass 40-hour certification course

4. OE-2 License

- Description of BM-1 and BM-2 are identical
- OE-2 bottom description was taken out because it was a catchall
- Board Member Higgins made a motion to accept the language of the BM-1 and BM-2. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Board Member Rosario made a motion to table the OE-2. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A Special meeting will be held for this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- Dandelion: no continuing ed on a D-2 license

- Board Member Champlin made a motion that they have licenses that cover it already. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Barrieau adjourned the meeting at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rector
Executive Secretary

2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

July 13
October 5