

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023

Chairman Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:06 am via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Present

Charles Appleby, Sr., Unlimited Contractor, Chairperson
Carleton Pember, Unlimited Contractor
Peter Alfieri, Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy, Public Member
Joseph Pellecchia, Unlimited Contractor
Aaron Nachbar, Well Drilling Contractor
Vinnie Valente, Unlimited Journeyperson

DCP Staff Present

John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney
Pamela Brown, Investigations Director
Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
Jason Cohen, Director of Operations

Public Present

Todd Berch
Christopher Covino
Kenneth Milligan
Dylan Waitkus
Andrew Hurlbut

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

- Review of draft minutes from July 27, 2023
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Board Member Alfieri's attendance to the minutes. Board Member Pellecchia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- 07.01.23-08.31.23
 - 3 Closed Cases

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reconsideration Hearing: Case No. 2019-1389 – Christopher F. Covino
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to remove the fine and allow Mr. Covino to continue with an active license. Board Member Sheffy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Application Review: Andrew Hurlbut
 - Application to take the J2 examination, providing additional training certificates for education requirements.
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to approve Hurlbut to sit for the J2 exam. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 24/25 Continuing Education Discussion
 - Final draft for board to review is on its way.
 - Public questions raised regarding the integration of 5-hour safety training as part of the CE requirements. Concerns that a second ancillary 5 hours course may be redundant.

NEW BUSINESS

- Application Review
 - Kenneth Milligan – P-2
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to deny due to lack of apprenticeship. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: Board Member Sheffy would like trade practices to investigate the three companies Mr. Milligan has been employed at. Allstate Mechanical, Greco and Haines and Foley's Pump Services
 - The motion passed (6-0-1).
 - Dylan Waitkus – P-7
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to deny the P7 application. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Exam Reviews
 - John Mesner approached the board for approval regarding changing all Well Drilling Licensing exams to open book. W1,2,3,4,5, and 6 are currently closed book exams whereas W7,8,9 and 10 are open book exams.
- Pending CE course applications
 - Still under review, expected to have a decision within the next couple of weeks.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Alfieri made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Sheffy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2023 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE