

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 04, 2024

Chairman Barrieau called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. The meeting was held at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Plaza North room J, Hartford, CT 06103.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Thomas F. Casey, Jr.	Unlimited Contractor
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Board Vacancies:

(1) Sheet Metal Limited Contractor
(4) Public Members

DCP Staff Present:

Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator

Public Present:

James Triacca
Kyle Leblanc
Nicholas Dahlberg
Efrain Torres
Eric Traini
Nicholas Dudek
Raymond Croniser
Stephen Casey
Kevin O'Brien
Jack Curry
Chris Valenti
John Perri
Reginald Minor

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 January 4, 2024, meeting minutes
- Revision October 19, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - Correct attendance error - move Board Member Thomas Casey to “Board Members Not Present” for that meeting.

- Board Member Foster made a motion to approve both the January 4th and the edits to the October 19th minutes. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-2).

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

- 01.01.24-02.29.24
 - 27 New
 - 42 Closed

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Applications for Review
- Chairman Barrieau is abstaining from all application reviews/votes.

1. EFRAIN TORRES - HTG.0412399-D-2
 - a. Applicant is before the Board today for an application review. They were initially denied due to lack of apprenticeship completion.
 - b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny the applicant sit for the S-9 exam. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)

2. NICHOLAS DAHLBERG - HTG.0412327-S-1

- a. The applicant is before the Board for an application review. The initial application was denied due to lack of work experience. He was approved to sit for the S-2 license. He is back again to sit for the S-1 exam. The applicant has not received their S-2 license.
- b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)
- c. Additionally, Board Member Foster made a motion to waive the S-1 time requirements due to equivalent experience after the applicant obtains their S-2 license. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)

3. KYLE LEBLANC - HTG.0412182-OE-2

- a. The applicant is before the Board for an application review. The initial application was initially recommended for denial due to a lack of OJT and related training. The applicant is licensed in Massachusetts, however that license does not require equivalent education requirements to CT.
- b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the OE-2 exam so long as the MA license aligns with the CT requirements for that license. Further discussion of education and OJT history of applicant. Board Member Rosario amended the motion.
 - i. Board Member Rosario made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the OE-2 exam. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0-1)

4. ERIC TRAINI - HTG.0412436-S-9

- a. The applicant is before the Board today for an application review. The applicant was initially recommended for denial due to lacking the 2-year requirement for holding an S-10 license. The applicant is asking for a waiver of the 2-year requirement due to equivalent experience.
- b. Board Member Foster made a motion to approve based on equivalency. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)

5. NICHOLAS DUDEK - HTG.0411825-S-2

- a. The applicant is before the Board today for an application review. The applicant was initially recommended for denial due to not being a registered apprenticeship. Applicant is deficient roughly 1700 apprenticeship hours.
- b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny the applicant sit for the exam. Board Member Foster seconded. The motion passed (5-0-1)
- c. Chairman Barrieau would like DCP's enforcement division be notified of Southern Connecticut Gas allowing employees to work outside of their license scope.

6. JAMES TRIACCA - HTG.0411599-D-2

- a. The applicant is before the board for an application review for the D-2 exam. The applicant was before the board in July of 2023 and was denied due to lack of on-the-job training. He is before the board today with additional records.
- b. Board Member Foster made a motion to approve. Board Member Rosario seconded. The motion passed (3-0-1).

7. RAYMOND CRONISER - SHM.7695-SM-2

- a. Applicant is before the board for an application review for the SM-2 exam. The applicant was initially recommended for denial due to lacking proof of apprenticeship completion.
- b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny and recommended the applicant sign up for an apprenticeship with his local Union. Board Member Heredia seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)

8. STEPHEN CASEY - HTG.0412589-S-2

- a. The applicant is before the Board today for an application review. The applicant was initially recommended for denial due to a lack of apprenticeship completion and related instruction.
- b. Board Member Rosario made a motion to deny. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1)

9. JULIO CHACON - HTG.0412543-S-2

- a. The applicant decided not to pursue the S-2 application review and was not present today. Not motion required.

10. CHARLES LEGGETT - HTG.0411916-S-10

- a. The applicant was not present. No motion was made.

11. KEVIN O'BRIEN - HTG.0412585-D-2

- a. The applicant was not present. No motion was made.

12. JACK CURRY – HTG.0411800-B-2

- a. The applicant is before the Board today for an application review. The applicant needed to provide proof of related instruction/comparative analysis. The applicant is here with the comparative analysis and wants to clarify that if they take the remaining courses (noted below), they would be eligible to sit for the exam.
 - i. A0099 – OSHA 30
 - ii. A0730 – Related Codes and Standards
- b. Board Member Champlin made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the B-2 exam upon verified completion of the two courses, OSHA 30 and Related Codes and Standards. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1).

13. CHRIS VALENTI – HTG.0412472-D-2

- a. The applicant is before the Board for an application review. The applicant was initially recommended for denial. The applicant is here with a comparative analysis for their education, and it is noted that they are missing the following courses:
 - i. A0031 - Blueprint Reading
 - ii. A0729 - International Mechanical Code
 - iii. A0730 - Related Codes and Standards
- b. Board Member Higgins made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the D-2 exam upon verified completion of the three remaining courses, Blueprint Reading, International Mechanical Code and Related Codes and Standards. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-2)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- Chairman Barrieau discussed general concerns with applications from individuals that qualify under an exempted category.
 - Board Member Higgins made a motion to request that if the Chairman of the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Works Examining Board does not agree with an initial application review approval, for licensees in an exempted category, that application be tabled and then go before the full Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Works Examining Board for review at their next meeting. Board Member Heredia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman Barrieau discussed that the Putnam County License was initially deemed an equivalent credential but upon further review it was determined that it is not equivalent.
 - Board Member Rosario made a motion to deem the Putnam County license not an equivalent credential as the educational requirements are not in line with the CT requirements.
- Jay More, a member of the Local 777 and Plumbing Board, is before the Board today to begin discussions about well-drilling and geothermal wells, in particular the proposed Yale Geothermal plan that was presented before the Plumbing Board in March. Jay believes the Heating board should be involved in this conversation. There are concerns that geothermal work does not fit within well drilling license scope.
 - Board Member Rosario made a motion to schedule a meeting with the Plumbing Board to further discuss the defined scope of work for well-drilling licensees. Board Member Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairman Barrieau adjourned the meeting at 10:54 am.

2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

July 11
October 03