

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024

Chairman Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

Board Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Unlimited Contractor, Chairperson
Joseph Pellecchia, Unlimited Contractor
Peter Alfieri, Unlimited Journeyman
Vinnie Valente, Unlimited Journeyman
John More, Unlimited Journeyman
Melissa Sheffy, Public Member
Aaron Nachbar, Well Drilling Contractor
Kimberly Fortin, Unlimited Journeyman

Board Members Not Present:

Carleton Pember, Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: (3) Public members

DCP Staff Present:

John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager
Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
Paul Grabowski, Legal Program Director
Erika Stabile, Administrative Assistant

Public Present:

Tracey A. Ogden
Tony Russo
David Monz
Bryan D'Orlando
Brad Crowley
Tim Onderko
Sam Olmstead
Brock Yordy
Linda Newman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

- None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

- None

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Yale Geothermal Review
 - Closed loop in an urban setting. Looking for exemptions from the following distance regulations:
 - 10 ft separation from distribution lines
 - Bore location from storm lines.
 - Bores under a proposed storm water management system
 - The team from Yale presented the proposed project. There was extensive discussion between the Board and the Yale team regarding the project.
 - Board Member Alfieri made a motion to go into executive session. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - After exiting executive session, Board Member More made a motion to table all decisions on exemptions until there are answers for the following questions below and moved to schedule an in-person special meeting for April 11 or 12.
 - How many times will geothermal piping need to cross beneath utilities based on detail K of the handout?
 - What is the exact number of wells to be drilled that need an exemption?
 - What will the transfer medium be based on?
 - Without the drilling exceptions
 - With the drilling exceptions
 - What type of grout will be used for the bore holes located beneath the stormwater infiltration system including the type and specification of grout material?
 - What are the utilities that are next to the bore holes that need an exemption?
 - Board Member Valente seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- PSI Exam Review
 - The Board entered executive session.

 - Board Member Nachbar made a motion to exit executive session. Board Member Fortin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Appleby made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Fortin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Appleby adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2024 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April 25
July 25
October 24