

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2024

The meeting of the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Board was held at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Plaza North Room J, Hartford, Ct 06103.

Chairman Barrieau called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Thomas Casey	Unlimited Contractor
Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies:

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

DCP Staff Present:

Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
Paul Grabowski, Legal Program Director

Public Present:

Samuel Either
Bryan Royster
Chris Mccullough
James Berberich Jr.
Kevin O'Brien
Vladimir Bobylev

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 April 4th, 2024, meeting minutes.
 - Board Member made a motion to approve. Board Member seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Review of the April 19th, 2024, meeting minutes.
 - Board Member made a motion to approve. Board Member seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

- None

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Applications for Review
 - a. Samuel Either – HTG.0412706-B-2
 - i. The applicant will need to complete the gas courses required for the license and complete the apprenticeship program. The Board advised the applicant to get in contact with the Dept. of Labor for assistance on what education requirements they need to complete.
 - ii. Board Member Foster made a motion to deny due to the applicant lacking the required gas education. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
 - b. Bryan Royster – HTG.0412876-D-2
 - i. The applicant is lacking the full apprenticeship hours required for the license and is seeking equivalent hours for their time working and training in NY. The Board recommended that the applicant complete a year of the apprenticeship and approach the Board after a year to try for an appeal.
 - ii. Board Member Foster made a motion to deny due to lack of apprenticeship hours. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.

- c. Chris Mccullough – SHM.7722-SM-2
 - i. Board Member Foster made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the SM-2 exam. Board Member Heredia seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
- d. James Berberich Jr – HTG.0412561-S-1
 - i. Board Member Champlin made a motion to deny the applicant sit for the S-1 exam. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
 - ii. Board Member Higgins made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the S-2 exam. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
- e. Kevin O'Brien – HTG.0412585-D-2
 - i. The Board recommends the applicant sit for the D4 exam. Then if they get licensed in Rhode Island for gas and refrigerant, CT recognizes reciprocal avenue for the D2 requirements.
 - ii. Board Member Higgins made a motion to deny the applicant sit for the D-2 exam. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
 - iii. The applicant is changing their application from a D-2 to a D-4. Board Member Higgins made a motion to acknowledge that the applicant changed their application from a D-2 to a D-4. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
- f. Vladimir Bobylev – HTG.0412061-D-1
 - i. Applicant originally applied for an S-1 and was denied. The Board notified the applicant that they will need to get their D-2 license before they can sit for the D-1 exam. The board also explained what the D-2 license scope includes and explained the pathway for the D-1 license.
 - ii. Board Member Higgins made a motion to deny the applicant sit for the D-1 exam. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.
 - iii. Board Member Foster made a motion to approve the applicant sit for the D-2 exam. Board Member Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Barrieau.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- Chairman Barrieau approached the Board about the application review working group.
 - The Chairman is concerned about state employees being exempt from specific licensing requirements including the apprenticeship program requirements.
 - The Chairman would like these specific applications to still come before the Board for review, regardless of if they are initially approved in the application review working group.
 - Chairman Barrieau is also proposing that the application review working group be dissolved and all applications go before the Board for review.
 - Board Member Higgins made a motion to approve that the Chairman approach the Commissioner of DCP in the MOU meeting to discuss having all applications go before the Board for review and potentially dissolving the Application Review Working Group as it stands today. Board Member Champlin seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: DCP's Paul Grabowski explained how the application review working group is part of the MOU agreement. He also mentioned that dissolving the working group may be a larger project. He recommended that the Board try to have a conversation with John Mesner and Todd Berch (DCP and DOL contacts on the working group) regarding the details of their agreement.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman Barrieau provided an update on the Well Drilling Working Group.
- Board Member Foster announced that the CETP modules are being updated, but Board Member Foster is working with them to ensure that the new modules still include the required coursework for licensure. He also announced that they will be in attendance at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Barrieau adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 3