

**PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2025**

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  
Aaron Nachbar, Well Drilling Contractor  
Kimberly Fortin, Unlimited Journeyperson

**Board Members Not Present:**

Melissa Sheffy, Public Member  
Peter Alfieri, Unlimited Journeyperson  
John More, Unlimited Journeyperson  
Vinnie Valente, Unlimited Journeyperson  
Joseph Pellecchia, Unlimited Contractor

**Board Vacancies:** (3) Public members

**DCP Staff Present:**

John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager  
Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator  
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator  
Pamela Brown, Director of Investigations

**Public Present:**

Justin Ivey  
Lynda Bardos  
Enigen Brami

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING**

- Review of draft minutes from July 24, 2025.
  - Board Member Nachbar moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Pember seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT**

- Justin Ivey (Education Director) and Lynda Bardos (Chapter Administrator) attended to stay informed on CE requirements and maintain alignment with the board.
  - Justin expressed appreciation for the inclusion of pool-specific content in CE requirements and offered to assist with future curriculum development.
  - Lynda raised concerns about:
    - Missed license renewals and confusion among members.
    - Late CE completion and whether late renewals would result in license revocation.
  - John Mesner clarified:
    - Renewal notices are sent at least once, with a second attempt if needed.
    - Licensees have up to three years to renew before needing to retest.
    - Late CE completion without a hardship waiver may result in penalties if audited.
    - SP2 licensees who missed the July 31 CE deadline can take the SP1 class to fulfill the requirement but remain out of compliance until completed.
  - Chairman Appleby emphasized that the board does not revoke licenses but encourages compliance and provides pathways for resolution.

## **DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

- Review of the complaint status report
  - 07.01.2025 to 08.31.2025
    - Open: 10
    - Closed: 15
    - Fines via AVC's: \$20,500.00
- Director Brown commented that they are working on filling the open investigator position

## **DCP LEGAL DIVISION**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Continued Discussion - Well Drilling Regulations of Approved Glycol for Geothermal
  - No further updates at this time
- Yale Geothermal Update
  - The Board review the updated plans and documentation provided by Yale.
    - 183 boreholes have been completed, some were relocated due to difficult drilling conditions
  - The Board discussed the possibility of a site visit in January – the Department will work on a formal request for the visit.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Request for Guidance
  - Enigen Brami – P1 Licensure Pathway
    - Chairman Appleby moved to allow the applicant to sit for the P1 exam once they pass the P2 exam, based on the equivalent experience with holding an S1 license. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT**

- Board Member Nachbar proposed creating a limited license or registration category for hydrofracking contractors, especially those from out of state.
  - Concerns raised:
    - Current law requires a W1 license, which may be excessive for hydrofracking-only work.
    - Lack of documentation and oversight for hydrofracking activities.
  - Chairman Appleby and John Mesner supported the idea of a limited credential similar to the W5/W6 category.
  - Paul Grabowski (DCP Legal) joined the meeting and agreed to:
    - Explore regulatory and statutory options.
    - Coordinate with DPH and DEEP.
    - Investigate how other states handle hydrofracking licensure.
  - Chairman Appleby and Board Member Nachbar will research national standards and report back.
  - A follow-up meeting with DCP legal and legislative staff will be scheduled before the end of October to explore legislative action.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Pember moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. Chairman Appleby adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Hyburg  
Board Coordinator