

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 01, 2026

Chairman Barrieau called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Board Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyperson
John T. Higgins, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyperson
Brent Davenport	Unlimited Contractor
Emmanuel Heredia	Sheet Metal Journeyperson
David G. Foster	Unlimited/General Contractor
Jason Bear	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Members Not Present:

Board Vacancies:	(1) Sheet Metal Limited Contractor
	(4) Public Members

DCP Staff Present:

John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager
Paul Grabowski, Legal Program Director
Rachelle Hyburg, License and Application Analyst
Jeff Marvin, Deputy Commissioner
Ernest Thigpen, Supervising Special Investigator

Public Present:

Cameron Champlin
Christopher Abruzzo
Dale Gerber
James W. Versocki
Patrick Lynn
Jay Wrona
David Lytwyn
Matthew Balzano

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.

BOARD UPDATES:

- Swear in new Board Member – Jason Bear, Unlimited Journeyperson
 - Paul Grabowski swore in the new board member at 9:07 am
- Jeff Marvin presented an award to Board Member Cameron Champlin and congratulated him on his retirement from the board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Review of the July 09, 2026, meeting minutes.
 - Board Member Rosario moved to approve. Board Member Higgins seconded the minutes. The motion passed (6-0-1) Abst: Heredia was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- James Versocki and Patrick Lynn attended the meeting to provide the board with an update on Local 30's approved OE2 program. And requested an update from the Board/DCP on the progress of the regulatory changes, noting that DCP has submitted the information to DOL but there has been no updates on getting the apprenticeship program approved.
 - Paul Grabowski commented that he anticipates being able to submit the changes by the end of the year, noting that a special meeting would not be required at this time.
 - John Mesner noted that while yes DOL needs to approve the apprenticeship for DCP to make the regulation changes DOL will accept the time earned under the current training/registration program once the apprenticeship program is approved.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

- Review of the Complaints Status Report
 - No report was provided for today's meeting

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. License Applications for Review:

- a. Christopher Abruzzo – HTG.0414267-S1
 - i. The applicant is before the board for guidance on sitting for the S1 exam. Their application has expired by the time of this meeting.
 - ii. The board reiterated that this applicant still qualifies for an S10 and can apply for such but still has not provided any additional information that supports the on-the-job training, education and apprenticeship requirements for an S1 license.
 - iii. If this individual wants to pursue an S10 license they will need to apply through DCP.
- b. Hmad Oucha - HTG.0414582-D2
 - i. Application was approved by DCP, Chairman Barrieau noting that this application did not go before the Board or the Application Working Group.
 - ii. Chairman Barrieau discussed the approval with the board commenting that the applicant did not complete an apprenticeship and should not have been approved internally.
 - iii. The department confirmed that the education and on-the-job training hours were vetted and determined equivalent to licensure.
 - iv. The board agreed that this application should have gone before them for review, commenting that they likely would not have approved licensure based on the information provided.

2. Appearing for Guidance:

- a. David Lytwyn
 - i. Passed the G2 exam, is reappearing (as advised) to sit for G1 exam
 - ii. Board Member Rosario moved to approve the applicant sit for the G1 exam. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. License Applications for Review:

- a. Kibbey – HTG.0415098-D2
 - i. This application received a recommendation for denial vote from the Application Review Working Group (ARWG) on 8-18-26 due to lack of apprenticeship completion and equivalent out of state license.
 - ii. Board Member Higgins moved to table the review as the applicant was not in attendance. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Ratio Relief Applications for Review:

- a. Homestead Fuel – APSP.751
 - i. Current Apprentices: 12
 - ii. Requests: 8 additional
 - iii. Updates to the employee listing since the application has been submitted the request is now for approval of 7 apprentices to get into compliance and an additional 3 apprentices to fill the open spaces
 - Board Member Foster moved to approve 8 apprentices. 7 to get into compliance and one additional spot. The individual can come back and request another 2 spots once the two employees test out. Board Member Rosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Coolsys Commercial & Industrial Solutions – APSP.6432
 - i. Current Apprentices: 6
 - ii. Requests: 2 additional
 - iii. Mr. Balzano provided background on the disciplinary action that was reported on the application.
 - iv. Board Member Higgins moved to approve 1 additional apprenticeship spot. The individual can come before the board requesting the additional spot once they have an apprentice ready to fill the spot. Board Member Davenport seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-2) Abst: Rosario and Bear.

3. Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board's decision on P9/P8 exam eligibility for S1/S3 and S2/S4 licensees

- a. John Mesner discussed the recent licensing approval through the Plumbing Board
 - i. Individuals holding a valid S-1 or S-3 license who successfully complete the Gasoline Tank, Piping and Pump Course (A-0749) shall be eligible to apply for examination for the P-9 Contractor license.
 - ii. Individuals holding a valid S-2 or S-4 license who successfully complete the Gasoline Tank, Piping and Pump Course (A-0749) shall be eligible to apply for examination for the P-8 Journeyman license.
- b. Board Member Rosario inquired if the geo-thermal licenses will be moved under the correct board; Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board. John Mesner commented that he understands the concerns, but there currently are no plans to move that license type.

4. 2027 Meeting Schedule

- a. 1/7/2027
- b. 4/1/2027
- c. 7/1/2027
- d. 10/7/2027

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Barrieau adjourned the meeting at 11:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg

2027 Scheduled Meeting Dates

1/7/2027
4/1/2027
7/1/2027
10/7/2027