

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025

Chairman Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:08 am via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Present:

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

Public Present:

Dylan Waitkus
Scott Waitkus
Alessia Frasco
Mark Stone
Amanda Parkins
Thomas Graham

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

- Review of draft minutes from October 24, 2024.
 - Board Member Nachbar made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Alfieri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

- None

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- Review of the complaint status report
 - 11.01.24-12.31.24
 - Open: 12
 - Closed: 50

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion - Well Drilling Regulations of Approved Glycol for Geothermal
 - a. Mark Stone approached the board to further discuss the use of Detoxified Ethylene Glycol for geothermal applications.
 - b. He noted that it has better thermal efficiency than standard propylene glycol, and it's less costly. And is asking for approval to add this fluid to the regulations within the State of Connecticut.
 - c. DCP's John Mesner commented that they are working on scheduling a conversation with DPH to further review this request.
 - d. In-depth conversation regarding the health concerns regarding this product. The Board will not move forward with any approval until there are further conversations with DEEP and DPH.
 - e. Board Member More made a motion to deny at this time due to a lack of information and the Board needing to have further conversations with DPH and DEEP. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Applications for Review

- a. Dylan Waitkus – PLM.0291386-P6 (previously before the Board)
 - i. The applicant is before the Board with additional documentation that was requested at the last review.
 - ii. Board Member Nachbar made a motion to recommend Xenelis register an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor. The Board also recommended enforcement action. Board Member Alfieri seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-2) Abstention: Sheffy and Valente
- b. John Pelletier – PLM.0291393-P7 (tabled in October Meeting)
 - i. The applicant is self-employed and is trying to figure out the best way to get their P7 if an apprenticeship is not possible as a self-employed.
 - ii. Board Member More made a motion to deny. Board Member Nachbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Thomas Graham – PLM.0291597-P7
 - i. The applicant was no longer in attendance when reviewed.
 - ii. Board Member Sheffy made a motion to deny. Board Member More seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Radon Program Presentation

- a. With Amanda Parkins and Alessia Frasco of the Dept. of Public Health
- b. Amanda Parkins presented on national certification in radon mitigation and how it relates to the Plumbing industry
 - i. Radon mitigation for water requires a DCP Plumbing and Piping contractor license.
- c. Board Member Valente made a motion to include this information on Radon mitigation be included in the next continuing education cycle. Board Member More seconded the motion.
 - i. Discussion: Board Member Nachbar inquired about the effect on the J and P licenses.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Alfieri made a motion to adjourn. Board Member More seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Appleby adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2025 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April 24

July 24

October 23