

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:38 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Members Absent: David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Mario DiNatale, Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Linda Roberts

Public Present:	Ben Powell	Thomas O'Neil	Rick Jurzyk
Richard Van Fleet	Mark Mottai	Jeff McManamy	Brian Glynn
Wilson Sanchez	Scott Glanz	Nicholas Nazzaro	Douglas Usher
Mike Berry	Terrald Garrett	Zera Zbigwiew	Ronald LaJoin
John Burns	David Levesque	Ben Belloni	Sal Marchese
Raymond Rossi	David Lockwood	Brian Carillo	Shaw Hixson
Robert Steffero	Craig Lewis	James Lathrop	Steven Moody
Thomas Barnett	Richard Garcia	Gregg Aubin	Luke Ford
Mark Kohler	Robert Butkevicius	Robert Yudichak	Michael Parsons
Clarina Marius	Robert Lennon	Mike Smith	Joey Rogers
			Anton Dedvukaj

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted to approve minutes of the September 24, 2009 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting. Mr. Crabb abstained from voting on this matter due to being absent at the September 24, 2009 meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Benjamin Belloni, Cross River, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Belloni's application, contingent upon receipt of documentation that Mr. Belloni completed a four-year apprenticeship program.

Titian A. Bue, Bridgeport, CT – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Bue did not appear today and the Board took no action.

John F. Burns, Jr., New Milford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Burns withdrew his application.

Brian J. Carullo, Enfield, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Carullo's application.

Jeffrey Cote, Holyoke, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Cote did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Anton Dedubukaj, Mt. Vernon, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn

Mr. Dedubukaj withdrew his application.

Philip Desrosiers, East Hartford, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Desrosiers did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Rich Garcia, Bridgeport, CT – (B-1) Limited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Garcia withdrew his application.

Terrald D. Garrett, Hartford, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Garrett's application.

Brian Glynn, Park Ridge, NJ – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

Mr. Glynn changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Glynn's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application, contingent upon proof that his Rockland County New York license is equivalent to the CT (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman license. If Mr. Glynn passes his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor examination.

Brian G. Harnish, Terryville, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Board approved (S-2) at their 3/27/08 meeting, contingent upon six months as a registered apprentice.

Mr. Harnish did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Shawn Hixson, New Britain, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Hixson withdrew his application.

Robert C. Kroll, West Hempstead, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Kroll did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Ronald J. Lajoie, Rocky Hill, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lajoie's application.

John A. Lussier, Greene, RI – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Lussier did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Jeffrey B. McManamy, Prospect, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

Mr. McManamy changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted to approve Mr. McManamy's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. Mr. Crabb was opposed.

Nicholas J. Nazzaro, Danbury, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nazzaro's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Thomas J. O'Neil, Middletown, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved (S-2)

Mr. O'Neil changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. O'Neil's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

Joseph S. Rogers, West Cornwall, CT – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Rogers withdrew his application.

Wilson R. Sanchez, Bridgeport, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-2)

Mr. Sanchez changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sanchez's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

Michael J. Smith, West Haven, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board denied Mr. Smith's application at their 7/23/09 meeting due to lack of required school related instruction experience.

After further review of Mr. Smith's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application.

Carl J. Snyder, W. Haven, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Snyder's application.

Robert F. Steffero, Jr., Ansonia, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Steffero's application, contingent upon receipt of his CFC certification.

Voltaire E. Tabois, Groton, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Tabois did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Norberto Vaz, Danbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Norberto did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Timothy C. Vesely, Brookfield, CT – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Vesely did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Robert M. Yudichak, Jr., Middlebury, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved (S-4)

The Board denied Mr. Yudichak's application at their 7/23/09 meeting due to lack of required school related instruction experience.

After further review of Mr. Yudichak's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application.

Zbigniew Zera, Cromwell, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Zera's application.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications:)

Thomas O. Barnett, Holmes, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Barnett's application.

Michael D. Berry, Feeding Hills, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Berry's application.

SOLAR THERMAL

Mr. Barrieau reported on the passage of legislation whereas certain holders an (S) type heating license, instead of taking the entire solar course, will be allowed to take a refresher course (not yet determined) to sit for the solar thermal license examination.

Two advisory committees consisting of plumbing and heating board members are in the process of putting together a generic solar thermal based curriculum. Once the course is completed by the (S) type heating license holders, the individual may then use the course to sit for the solar thermal license.

Mr. Casey reported the legislature approving a Florida solar thermal curriculum which is outdated and needs to be upgraded to reflect the appropriate solar thermal related instruction subject matter, in addition to having the PSI solar thermal examination reflect the appropriate solar thermal subject matter questions as well.

The Board voted unanimously to designate Mr. Casey as the Board's solar thermal related instruction subject matter coordinator for solar thermal applications.

REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SIT FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION

Gregg Aubin, N. Grosvenordale, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor.

Requesting permission to sit for 3rd examination.

The Board voted unanimously to grant Mr. Aubin a one year extension to sit for his 3rd (S-7) Limited Contractor examination.

Michael R. Clark, Bridgeport, CT – (OE-2) Operating Engineering Journeyperson.

Requesting permission to sit for 5th examination.

Mr. Clark did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Daniel B. Jopson, Mystic, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson.

Requesting permission to sit for 4th examination.

Mr. Jopson did not appear today and the Board took no action.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED HEATING, PIPING AND COOLING LICENSE

Thomas D. Callahan, Meriden, CT – (S-5) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

Mr. Callahan did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Christian E. Douglass, Clinton, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Douglass did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Brian M. Gumbs, Jewett City, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Gumbs did not appear today and the Board took no action.

John Kasabucki, Wolcott, CT – (D-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Kasabucki did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Mark Kohler, Jr., Norwalk, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Kohler's license with payment of all back fees.

David D. Levesque, Broad Brook, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/00)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Levesque's license with payment of all back fees.

Craig C. Lewis, Shelton, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/99)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Lewis' license with payment of all back fees.

Mark Mottai, Torrington, CT – (G-8) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Mottai's license with payment of all back fees.

Michael S. Parsons, Torrington, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/06)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Parsons' license with payment of all back fees.

Raymond Rossi, Southington, CT – (B-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/00)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Rossi' license with payment of all back fees.

John R. Smith, Jr., Wallingford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

Mr. Smith did not appear today and the Board took no action.

John P. Totri, Andover, CT – (B-4) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

Mr. Totri did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Richard M. Van Fleet, Cheshire, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Van Fleet's license with payment of all back fees.

Justyn A. Zalewski, Stratford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Zalewski did not appear today and the Board took no action.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED SHEET METAL LICENSE

Michael P., Bowman, Cheshire, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

Mr. Bowman did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Robert Butkevicius, Jr., Thomaston, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Butkevicius' license with payment of all back fees.

Robert A. Chaloux, East Hampton, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Chaloux did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Joseph R. Gallant, Randolph, MA – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/06)

Mr. Gallant did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Joseph Genest, Naugatuck, CT – (SM-4) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

Mr. Genest did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Brian A. Harnois, Bozrah, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/05)

Mr. Harnois did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Robert Lennon, Jr., Yorktown Hts, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/05)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Lennon's license with payment of all back fees.

David D. Levesque, Broad Brook, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/02)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Levesque's license, contingent upon payment of all back fees and receipt of notarized statements from current employer attesting to sheet metal dates/duties of employment.

Salvatore Marchese, Middletown, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/06)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Marchese's license with payment of all back fees.

Steven R. Moody, Enfield, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/02)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Moody's license with payment of all back fees.

Benjamin R. Powell, Northford, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/06)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Powell's license with payment of all back fees.

Douglas J. Usher, Hawthorne, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Usher's license with payment of all back fees.

Richard M. Van Fleet, Cheshire, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Van Fleet's license with payment of all back fees.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF REVOKED (S-7) LIMITED CONTRACTOR LICENSE

James Lathrop, Coventry, CT

A Formal Hearing was held on 6/22/06 concerning (James R. Lathrop, Docket No. 06-895) and the hearing was concluded. After further discussion on this matter, the Board voted to issue respondent James R. Lathrop a Final Decision and Order consisting of an Immediate Order to Cease and Desist, Civil Penalty in the amount of \$156,000.00, Restitution in the amount of \$3,500.00, letter of referral to DCP Commissioner for criminal action with the CT Attorney Generals office, and suggested that DCP Commissioner review Mr. Lathrop's heating oil registration dealer license for potential violations. The Board further voted unanimously to issue respondent Alan R. Cyr a Final Decision and Order consisting of an Immediate Order to Cease and Desist, Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00, Restitution in the amount of \$2,897.48. If restitution not paid within 90 days of receipt of the Final Decision and Order, the Board to revoke respondents heating, piping, cooling, and sheet metal work licenses. Board member Thomas F. Casey, Sr. recused himself from participating on this matter.

A Press Release dated February 11, 2008 was issued concerning James R. Lathrop, former owner of Independent Services of Coventry, sentenced to prison for five years, suspended after sixty days served, five years probation, ordered to pay a fine of \$200.00 and perform 200 hours of community service for performing heating and piping work without a license by installing a furnace in a home in Glastonbury, CT in February 2006. Later that day, the furnace caught fire due to improper installation and the house burned down.

After further review and discussion at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to continue this matter to their next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126. The Board is requesting a status update from DCP concerning this matter prior to making a decision.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Board requested at their 9/24/09 meeting, verification of the documentation submitted by Clarina Marius with her application for the (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman application.

After review of Ms. Marius' file, verified was a trade application and documentation from her respective union reflecting on-the-job training and school related instruction experience.

2. Correspondence regarding Aeration Piping and Odor Control Piping.
3. Correspondence regarding geothermal system "piping" outside of a structure / Connecticut.

PRESS RELEASE

October 8, 2009

Department of Consumer Protection Inspectors, Local Officials Conduct Unannounced Night-time Construction Site Inspection

HARTFORD, October 8 – Department of Consumer Protection Occupational Enforcement Inspectors made unannounced, second and third-shift visits Monday night to a construction site in Wilton, Consumer Protection Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Jr. said today.

“After meeting with Wilton Building Official Bob Root, our inspectors joined Wilton Police officers Monday night to conduct an extensive site inspection of heating system renovations being made at Wilton High School,” Farrell said. “These onsite inspections, which ensure that properly licensed contractors are engaged in the work and that the building code and permitting requirements are met, will continue day and night.”

The Department licenses a wide variety of occupations and trades, particularly those involved in building construction, such as plumbers, electricians, and sheet metal workers. Applicants seeking a license must have the required educational and vocational training, undertake an extensive licensing exam to ensure competency, and complete periodic continuing education related to building and other construction codes.

“Occupational licensing laws are meant to ensure that any constructed space that people will occupy, whether it be their home, an office or a school, is built competently, correctly, and in accordance with state and local laws,” Farrell said. “The use of unlicensed workers may be a cheap way to do things, but it is clearly illegal because it puts public health and safety in jeopardy.”

Bantam Electric, Crest Mechanical, and Ferguson Mechanical each had employees working at the school site during Monday night’s inspection. All 14 employees were found to be in full compliance with the state’s occupational licensing requirements.

“We’ll be doing surprise inspections at all hours, with the goal of ensuring that contractors hold the proper credentials to do skilled work, that they are properly employing their staff, and that permits have been issued for the work that they are engaged in,” Farrell said.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126.