

# MINUTES

## PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Acting Chairperson at 9:40 a.m. in Room 17 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor, Acting Chairperson  
Roger Stolting, Contractor  
George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor  
James Piccoli, Contractor  
John R. Damico, Journeyperson  
Anthony Calandrino, Journeyperson  
Joyce Topshe, Public Member

Member Absent: John R. Sullivan, Public Member  
Joseph Carr, Journeyperson  
Michael E. Cluney, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Journeyperson  
One Public Members

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Linda Roberts, Executive Assistant  
Anthony Santoro, Administrative Hearings Attorney  
Helen Hillman, Consumer Information Representative  
Jim McCann, Administrative Hearings Attorney

Public Present: Andrew Miller  
Jason DeLong  
Tyler Wragg  
David Espinal  
Mitch Jansen  
H. Douglas Porter  
Sean Cameron  
David DeMarco  
Jon K. Frost  
Matthew Melillo  
Ray Frosti  
Zack Savona  
Wm Caporizzo

**Note:** The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135.

**Agency Website:** [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp)

### **BOARD CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT**

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Board member Charles E. Appleby, Sr. as Acting Chairperson for today's meeting.

### **SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER**

Joyce Topshe was sworn-in by DCP Attorney Anthony Santoro as a Public Member of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted to approve minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting. Board member Appleby abstained due to his absence at the 4/19/07 meeting and Board member Joyce Topshe abstained due to not being sworn-in as a member of the Board at the 4/19/07 meeting.

### **APPLICANTS APPEARING IN PERSON DUE TO LACK OF APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION CERTIFICATE AND/OR UNREGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TIME**

#### **Sean M. Cameron, Meriden, CT – (J-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Cameron's application due to lack of required occupational related experience.

#### **David C. Demarco, Jr., Dayville, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved**

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

#### **Mitch J. Jansen, West Haven, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied**

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

#### **Marc W. Mejnartowicz, Stratford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – No Action**

Mr. Mejnartowicz was not present today. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

#### **Matthew R. Melillo, N. Branford, CT – (J-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Melillo's application due to lack of required occupational related experience.

**Andrew W. Miller, Stratford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Contractor Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Miller's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instructional experience.

**Zachary L. Savona, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Denied**

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

**RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED APPLICATION**

**Kenneth J. Accashian, Woodbury, CT – (J-1) Limited Contractor Application – Denied**

The Board denied Mr. Accashian's application at their 4/19/07 meeting due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate and suggested Mr. Accashian register and complete a (J-2) Limited Journeyperson apprentice training program while under the direct employment of a (J-1) Limited Contractor.

After further review of Mr. Accashian's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate and suggested Mr. Accashian register and complete a (J-2) Limited Journeyperson apprentice training program while under the direct employment of a (J-1) Limited Contractor.

**James J. Parkins, Derby, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Denied**

The Board denied Mr. Parkins' application at their 11/16/06 meeting due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

After further review of Mr. Parkins' application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

**LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

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

**David Espinal, Danbury, CT – (J-2) Limited Journeyperson Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Espinal's application due to lack of required high school completion certificate and occupational school related instructional transcripts from Rhode Island.

**Jason R. DeLong, West Hartford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Contractor Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. DeLong's application due to lack of required occupational school related instructional experience. The Board unanimously accepted Mr. DeLong's occupational related experience in New York, and are requiring him to contact the CT Department of Labor in order to have his school transcript reviewed to determine if it is related to the occupational license he is applying for.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. "Draft" course curriculum outline for continuing education due 2008 & 2009.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the draft course curriculum outline for continuing education due 2008 & 2009 as drafted in its entirety.

2. CT. Department of Public Health recommendations for regulation of "Geothermal Wells".
3. Press Release from CT Attorney General's Office dated April 18, 2007, regarding Attorney General's statement on criminal charges in bid rigging scheme concerning former B-G President John J. Haggett and Christopher Link of Newington and his company, Link Mechanical Services, Inc.

## **BOARD DECISION DUE**

### **In the Matter of Christian M. Scinto     Docket No. 06-2121**

The Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to issue an Immediate Order of Discontinuance, Civil Penalty in the amount of \$14,500.00 and revocation of Mr. Scinto's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license if the Civil Penalty is not paid in full within 90 days or fails to establish a payment plan agreeable to DCP.

### **In the Matter of William Bazso             Docket No. 06-2122**

The Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to issue an Immediate Order of Discontinuance and a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00.

### **In the Matter of Michael Smeraglino     Docket No. 06-2123**

The Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to issue an Immediate Order of Discontinuance and a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00.

A Formal Administrative hearing was held on the above matters 2/15/07 and the hearing was concluded. The Board continued the above matters at their 2/15/07 & 4/19/07, and is before the Board today for a decision.

## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**In the Matter of Alan R. Cyr**

**Docket No. 06-959**

A Formal Administrative hearing was held on this matter 7/20/06 and the hearing was concluded. The Board voted unanimously to issue an Immediate Order of Discontinuance, Civil Penalty in the amount of \$17,500.00, Restitution in the amount of \$6,500.00 and suspension of Mr. Cyr's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license for a period of 90 days. The Board continued this matter at their 4/19/07 meeting.

The Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to continue this matter to their next meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2007.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. DCP Attorney Jim McCann appeared before the Board today and explained his task of collecting unpaid fines by violators who have been imposed a civil penalty by this particular Board or another trade Board. Attorney McCann is asking the Board if they would entertain revoking a plumbing license by an individual who has been before another trade Board concerning a violation of the trade and imposed a civil penalty that has not been paid, which constitutes "Unethical Behavior". Attorney McCann further explained that the purpose of civil penalties is to deter from further law breaking.

The Board unanimously concluded that if an individual comes before the Plumbing Board for non-payment of civil penalty and Attorney McCann has exhausted all his avenues in attempting to collect the civil penalty, and the individual fails to maintain himself as an ethical tradesperson, then the Board may consider revocation of the Plumbing license.

2. The Board voted unanimously to consider Board member Joseph Carr off the Board for missing three consecutive meetings (2/15/07, 4/19/07 & 6/21/07), unless he is re-appointed by the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2007, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.**