

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 23, 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
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member
Barbara Riotte, Public Member
Mario Dinatale, Public Member

Members Absent: Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Public Present:	John Yale	Mike Smith	Joseph Walsh	Jason Acevedo	Hector
Sanchez	Joe Kmetz	Ryan Thyne	Thomas Thurlow	Christopher McPartland	
Randall Weidig	Jonathan Lynn	Michael Barillaro	Roger Phelps	Jake Randall	
John Alleshunas	Kim Edmond	Chris Fontaine	Bruce Owen	Robert Tibert	
Robert French	Jose Blanco	Marc Corigliano	Jon Townsend	William Beauégard	
Kenneth Pignone	James Tursi	Chris Baskay	Brian Shepardson	Charles Strong	
Phillipe Roger	Rick Jurzyk	Ward Meehan, Jr.	Richard Erickson	Chris Prater	
Rocco Genovese	Ana Risko	John Rao	James Downey		
Edward Sprague	Matt Sando	Mark Mastropasqua	Steve Sosensky, Esq.		
Tim McDermott	William Millington	Jeffrey Dupont	Luke Ford		
Bob Yudichak	Mark Lidsky	Patnell McIntosh	Anthony Marmo		

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the May 28, 2009 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting.

SWEARING-IN NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Appointment letter dated April 23, 2009 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of Mario DiNatale as a Public Member to the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board.

Mario DiNatale was sworn-in by DCP Attorney Anthony Santoro.

APPLICATIONS

Jason Acevedo, Brooklyn, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Acevedo's application. Board member Casey abstained.

Paul Adamonis, Warwick, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Adamonis' application.

Michael A. Barillaro, Meriden, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Barillaro changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Barillaro's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor examination.

Christopher R. Baskay, Norwalk, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Baskay withdrew his application.

Jose Blanco, Terrytown, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Blanco changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Blanco's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor examination.

Michael Campbell, Sterling, VA – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Campbell's application, contingent upon receipt and review of Mr. Campbell's occupational related experience, school related instruction experience, business ownership, reason applying for an (S-1) Unlimited Contractor license and any enforcement issues.

Stephen Cenatiempo, Jr., Norwalk, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

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

Marc F. Corigliano, Danbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (B-2)

Mr. Corigliano changed his license category to (B-2) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Corigliano's (B-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Jerome Driscoll, Jr., Clifton, NJ – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – No Action

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

Kevin Elliott, Millerton, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

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

Richard Erickson, S. Glastonbury, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor – Approved

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

Christopher R. Fontaine, Enfield, CT – (S-9) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Fontaine's application. Board member Casey abstained.

Robert French, Ansonia, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

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

Morgan Hughes, Stamford, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hughes' application.

Donald Hunter, Ashaway, RI – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action

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

Kyle M. Johnson, Roxbury, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

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

William Cuddigan, Johnston, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Joseph M. Kmetz, Shelton, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Denied

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

Anthony J. Marmo, Sleepy Hollow, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-2)
Mr. Marmo changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Marmo's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor examination.

Timothy J. McDermott, Beacon Falls, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn
Mr. McDermott withdrew his application.

Patnell R. McIntosh, Norwalk, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. McIntosh's application due to lack of required school related instruction experience.

Christopher J. McPartland, Trumbull, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved (D-4)
Mr. McPartland changed his license category to (D-4) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. McPartland's (D-4) Limited Journeyman application.

Ward E. Meehan, Jr., Ridgefield, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted to approve Mr. Meehan's application. Board member Casey was opposed.

William C. Millington, Jr., – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Denied
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Millington's application due to lack of required occupational related experience and school related instruction experience.

Michael Moncecchi, Adams, MA – (S-4) Limited Journeyman -

Steven P. Motowidlak, Tolland, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action
Mr. Motowidlak did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Nicholas J. Nazzaro, Danbury, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – No Action
Mr. Nazzaro did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Anthony Pellecchia, Brooklyn, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – No Action
Mr. Pellecchia did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Roger A. Phelps, – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Phelps' application.

Kenneth T. Pignone, Sr., West Simsbury, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn
Mr. Pignone withdrew his application.

Chris Prater, Salt Point, NY – (S-9) Limited Contractor – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Prater's application.

Philippe J. Rogers, Oakville, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Rogers changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Rogers' (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

Hector L. Sanchez, Bridgeport, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-9)

Mr. Sanchez changed his license category to (S-9) Limited Contractor. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sanchez's (S-9) Limited Contractor application.

Matthew Sando, Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Sando changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sando's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

Michael Serra, Westerly, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Brian Shepardson, – (D-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

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

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Smith's application due to lack of required school related instruction experience.

Glenn A. Sousa, Johnston, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved (G-8)

Mr. Sousa changed his license category to (G-8) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sousa's (G-8) Limited Journeyman application.

Charles F. Strong, – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Strong's application. Board member Foster was opposed.

Thomas Thurlow, Dayville, CT – (D-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (D-2)

Mr. Thurlow changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Thurlow's application, contingent upon verification that Vermont license (PM-3551) is equivalent to the CT (D-2) Limited Journeyman license.

Ryan Thyne, Lowell, MA – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor – Approved (SM-2)

Mr. Thyne changed his license category to (SM-2) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Thyne's (SM-2) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (SM2) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (SM-1) Limited Contractor examination.

Jon M. Townsend, – (D-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (D-4)

Mr. Townsend changed his license category to (D-4) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Townsend's (D-4) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (D-4) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (D-3) Limited Contractor examination.

James D. Tursi, North Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Tursi changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Tursi's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

Randall A. Weidig, Ashford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Weidig changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Weidig's (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor examination.

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

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Yudichak's application due to lack of required school related instruction experience.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE

John E. Alleshunas, Branford, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Expired 8/31/07)

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

Jeffrey P. Auger, Ansonia, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

William Beauregard, W. Springfield, MA – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/06)

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

Jeff Colabatistto, Danbury, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/06)

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

Kim A. Edmond, Troy, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/03)

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

Rocco Genovese, Darien, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor (Expired 8/31/05)

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

Joseph Geremia, W. Haven, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

Joseph C. Janeiro, Milton, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/02)

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

Kevin Kerrigan, Hope, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/05)

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

Aaron M. Lefcort, West Haven, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

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

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

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

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

Mark Lidsky, Hamden, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor (Expired 8/31/02)

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

James Lowney, Groton, CT – (D-1) Limited Contractor (Expired 8/31/02)

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

Jonathan W. Lynn, West Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

Michael A. Olmo, Trumbull, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/06)

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

Fernand Perron, Plymouth, MA – (G-8) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

Jacob M. Randall, Windsor Locks, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/03)

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

John J. Rao, Kensington, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Expired 8/31/06)

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

Manuel Seijas, Yonkers, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/99)

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

William Smith, Jr., East Windsor, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor (Expired 8/31/03)

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

William Smith, Jr., East Windsor, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Expired 8/31/03)

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

Edward P. Sprague, West Greenwich, RI – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/07)

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

Edward P. Sprague, West Greenwich, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/05)

Mr. Sprague withdrew his reinstatement request.

Robert J. Tiberio, Jr., Bridgeport, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Expired 8/31/00)

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

Larry Tillery, E. Haven, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor (Expired 8/31/07)

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

John Yale, Middlefield, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson (Expired 8/31/07)

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

TRADE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Complaint report from 5/22/09 – 6/29/09.

ONE PIECE FUME HOOD ASSEMBLY DELIVERED "TAILGATE"

- "ONE PIECE FUME HOOD ASSEMBLY" – The handling of such one piece fume hood assembly when all shipments are delivered "tailgate" only.

After further discussion and input on this matter, the Board voted to affirm their June 23, 2005 decision, in which the Board concluded to have Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-332-1 (y) as the jurisdictional language for sheet metal work in the state of Connecticut. Board member Foster was opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Connecticut Occupational Solar Thermal & Solar Electric License Types.

The Board reports that Board member Barrieau, Benoit, Foster and Chuck Appleby, Plumbing Board Chairperson have met with Jack Guerrera, Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program Manager, and are working on establishing a school related instruction course curriculum for solar thermal licensing.

PRESS RELEASE

June 11, 2009

Trumbull Contractor Pays Restitution in Air Conditioning Work Case

A Trumbull man convicted of taking a deposit and not doing the contracted air conditioning work has paid \$4,535.00 restitution to his victims.

Joseph Walsh, age 44, of 19 Knollcrest Drive, Trumbull, pleaded guilty to one count of larceny in the 4th degree in Norwalk Superior Court, Housing Division, on May 28, 2009.

Mr. Walsh, operating under the name of JW Heating and Cooling was given a check by a homeowner to install an air conditioning system at a home in Norwalk, but never did the work nor repaid the homeowner.

Walsh has now paid the \$4,535.00 in restitution and was sentenced to one year incarceration, execution suspended and two years of probation by the Honorable Judge Jack L. Grogins. As a further condition of his probation, Joseph Walsh cannot work without the proper license.

“The Department of Consumer Protection takes cases like this very seriously and brings those requiring criminal prosecution to the criminal justice authorities,” Commissioner of Consumer Protection Jerry Farrell, Jr., said. “Sometimes criminal prosecution is the only way that we can get restitution to a consumer,” Farrell said.

The case was prosecuted by the Office of the State’s Attorney for the Judicial District of Norwalk Superior Court, Housing Division in conjunction with Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational Licensing and Enforcement Unit.

PRESS RELEASE

June 18, 2009

Department of Consumer Protection Thwarts Unlicensed Chimney Operation in Milford

An inexpensive chimney cleaning that turned into a high-pressure sales pitch for a \$3,200 chimney repair job led to the arrest of two New York men following a joint investigation by Department of Consumer Protection investigators and Milford officials, Consumer Protection Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Jr. said today.

“Recently, a Milford homeowner agreed to a \$39.95 chimney cleaning, but when it was complete, the workers presented her with recommendations for repairs amounting to \$3,200 that included a liner, chimney and flue repair,” Farrell said. “Feeling pressured, the consumer appropriately contacted Milford police officers, who got in touch with our agents.”

On Tuesday, June 16th, home improvement and occupational enforcement investigators from the Department of Consumer Protection collaborated with the Milford Police officers and the Milford Building Inspector to investigate the operation. Their investigation resulted in the arrest of Stephen Modzelewski and Oswaldo Rivera for impersonating registered home improvement contractors, offering to make home improvements without a registration, performing heating and cooling work without a license, and failing to obtain a building permit. Both men are from Elmont, New York and were arraigned yesterday in Milford Superior Court.

“I’m grateful that the consumer was careful and voiced her concerns to police before agreeing to unneeded repairs, and I hope other homeowners will follow her example,” Farrell said. “Many thanks to the Milford Police Department for helping us with this investigation and arrest.”

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.