

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:50 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member
Barbara Riotte, Public Member
Mario DiNatale, Public Member

Members Absent: David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Linda Roberts

Public Present: Mike Bowman Douglas Darhan
Ward E. Meehan, Jr. John Kasabucki
Joshua Dudley John Schapers
Mike Rooney Zera Zbigniew
Mike Smith
Travis McFarlen
Mary Ann Coppola
Alfred Candito
Predrag Pecirep
Scott Frost

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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

Toby A. Clouser, Middletown, CT – (ST-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action

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

Gerald Cranston, Greenfield, MA – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

David C. Demarco, Jr., Dayville, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn

Mr. Demarco withdrew his application.

Joshua Dudley, Portland, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Kevin J. Elliott, Millerton, NY – (G-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

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

Salvatore M. Esposito, New Rochelle, NY – (D-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

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

Douglas Freal, Yorktown Heights, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

John V. Geary, New Milford, CT – (ST-2) Limited Journeyman – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision, contingent upon proof of completing a 24-hour solar thermal principles and practices course.

Daniel Hannigan, Stony Point, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hannigan's application, contingent upon receipt of a notarized statement from his employer, acknowledging awareness of the CT apprenticeship registration requirements and proof that they are a CT apprenticeship program sponsor.

Lloyd S. Hoffstatter, Oliverbridge, NY – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (ST-2)

Mr. Hoffstatter changed his license category to (ST-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (ST-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Chris E. Little, Killingworth, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Little's application. Attorney Kent and Mr. Champlin were opposed.

Anthony Malangone, West Haven, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-10)

Mr. Malangone changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

Raul Martins, Naugatuck, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Ward E. Meehan, Jr., Ridgefield, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Approved

Requesting waiver of two year requirement as an (S-4) Limited Journeyman.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Meehan's (S-3) Limited Contractor application based on a qualifying hardship.

Jon Nolan, Hopewell Junction, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Michael D. Pare, Newington, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn

Mr. Pare withdrew his application.

Predrag Pecirep, W. Haven, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

Carleton H. Pember, IV, Madison, CT – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (ST-2)

Mr. Pember changed his license category to (ST-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (ST-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Gabriel Ramos, Bridgeport, CT – (B-1) Limited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Ramos withdrew his application.

Duane A. Roberson, Springfield, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Michael P. Rooney, Danville, NH – (S-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-2)

Mr. Rooney changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

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

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

Jason St. Anent, Moosup, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn
Mr. St. Anent withdrew his application.

Peter A. St. Laurent, West Warwick, RI, – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action
Mr. St. Laurent did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Voltaire E. Tabois, Groton, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action
Mr. Tabois did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Zbigniew Zera, Cromwell, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board approved Mr. Zera to sit for his (S-4) Limited Journeyman examination at their 11/19/09 meeting. Mr. Zera is now applying for his (S-3) Limited Contractor license and is requesting waiver of the two year requirement as an (S-4) Limited Journeyman.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Zera's (S-3) application based on a qualifying hardship.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

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

Scott A. Frost, Sharon, MA – (S-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)

Mr. Frost changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board approved his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Joseph Loprete, South Glastonbury, CT – (G-8) Limited Journeyman – Approved

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

REQUESTING FOURTH EXAMINATION

Jason Acevedo, Hartford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman.

Mr. Acevedo was approved to sit for his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination at the Board's 9/24/09. Mr. Acevedo is requesting permission to sit a fourth time for his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination.

The Board granted Mr. Acevedo permission to take his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination a fourth time based on a qualifying hardship. The Board has granted Mr. Acevedo up to six months from today's meeting in which to schedule his fourth examination.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED HEATING, PIPING AND COOLING LICENSE

Robert J. Anderson, Waterbury, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Neil D. Baisch, Rochester, NY – (D-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Dion P. Carnot, Meriden, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/05)

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

Carl M. Coppola, Jr., Bridgeport, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/07)

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

Donald E. Hallaman, III, Seymour, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

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

Gary Jehan, East Haven, CT – (G-8) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/02)

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

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

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

Paul V. Liscio, Monroe, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/05)

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

Franklin A. Luke, New Britain, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

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

Travis T. McFarlane, W. Hartford, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Richard J. Messier, Griswold, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

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

William Mock, Plymouth, MA – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/05)

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

John L. Postoak, Tulsa, OK – (G-8) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

(Mr. Postoak is unable to attend meeting and is requesting reinstatement consideration, and has submitted current welding certification to show compliance with the requirement for holding the (G-8) license).

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

John Schapers, New Milford, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07)

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

Kenneth Sharron, Oxford, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/09)

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

Peter Spadolino, Waterbury, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/1/93)

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

Donald A. Standish, Greene, RI – (B-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Donald A. Standish, Greene, RI – (D-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Leo F. Valdez, Groton, CT – (S-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED SHEET METAL LICENSE

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

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

James Campbell, Jr., Manchester, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

Mr. Campbell 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 is unable to attend meeting and is requesting reinstatement consideration, and has submitted letter from Local Union verifying his work history).

Mr. Carnot did not appear today and the Board is requiring his appearance at their 3/17/10 meeting.

John T. Hard, Croton, NY – (SM-4) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Paul V. Liscio, Monroe, CT – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/05)

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

Jerry P. Paradis, West Haven, CT – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Donald A. Standish, Greene, RI – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor (Lapsed 8/31/08)

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

Donald A. Standish, Jr., Greene, RI – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to reinstatement Mr. Standish'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.

The Board tabled this matter at their 11/19/09 meeting, contingent upon receipt of a status update from DCP concerning this matter prior to making a decision.

Mr. Lathrop did not appear today. After further review and discussion on this matter today, the Board voted unanimously to deny MR. Lathrop's request for reinstatement of his revoked (S-7) Limited Contractor license.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Office of the State Building Inspector 2009 Code Enforcement Bulletin.
2. "DRAFT" State of Connecticut Regulations concerning Geothermal Systems.
3. Governor Rell: \$45 Million in Stimulus Funds to Boost Use of Geothermal Heating / Cooling Systems.
4. Correspondence from Nathan Greenleaf concerning the nationally accredited solar thermal training and certification.
5. "DRAFT" Solar Thermal alternative option statement 2009 CGA.
6. CT Department of Labor solar mechanic schedule of work experience.
7. Sample of Utah's solar thermal exam outline.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.