

**STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING  
BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** July 21, 2022

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Held Virtually via Google Meet

**Joining Info:** By Video Conference  
[meet.google.com/qks-niad-yfo](https://meet.google.com/qks-niad-yfo)  
By Phone via Teleconference  
1-414-909-7588 (PIN: 385820141)

**Members Present:**

Joseph Radtka, Chair  
Keith Horton, Vice Chair  
Roland Mann Jr., Industry Member  
Richard Small, Industry Member

**Absent:** Michael Bowersox, Industry Member  
Gregory Schott, Industry Member  
Richard Bowers, Consumer Member

**LABOR Officials & Staff Present:**

John Bull, Executive Director  
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General  
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I  
Danielle Anderson, Web Coordinator and Outreach  
Michelle Compton, Law Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Diane Kastner, Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Associations  
Wayne Fishpaw, Pipe Trades Technologies, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Mr. Joseph Radtka, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Plumbing to order, virtually, at 10:35 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Radtka asked that the Board make a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Horton, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without amendment.

## **PLUMBING COMPLAINTS**

No action has been taken on complaints as the unit is still in the process of filling the vacant investigator position. Accordingly, no Committee report was provided.

## **REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS**

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summaries for June 2022:

<b>Plumber</b>	<b>Candidates Tested</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Pass %</b>
Journey Natural Gas Fitter	0	0	0	0%
Journey Plumber/Gas Fitter	65	32	33	49%
Master Natural Gas Fitter	1	1	0	100%
Master Plumber/Gas Fitter	20	8	12	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48%</b>

Director Bull read the PSI results for the month of June 2022. Director Bull also reported that since Jan. 2022, 360 candidates were tested, 139 candidates passed, 221 failed, for a pass rate of 39%. Since the inception of the test, 10074 candidates were tested, 3635 candidates passed, 6439 failed, for a pass rate of 37%. There are currently 12,890 active licensees.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Radtka asked if Director Bull received a positive response regarding his request that the Board members complete the training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Director Bull responded that the response from the Board had been positive with most members completing the training.

Chairman Radtka confirmed that the questions posed by Mr. Bowersox regarding standards for lead free non-potable water sources had been answered during last month's meeting and are reflected in the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Radtka stated that he and the Board had not received final signed copies of House Bills 52 and 806 or Senate Bill 528. He stated that he felt the Board should receive copies of pertinent legislation and that he keeps copies of those bills for his own records.

Director Bull replied that he would get the final copies of those bills to the Board as soon as he could.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be considered.

## **COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Counsel Kinstler advised the Board that if there is any legislation or legislative initiative that the Board would like to present to the Secretary, that they should begin discussing them in order to have them ready for the next legislative session. She reminded the Board of their prior discussions on revisions to MD Code Ann., Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 12-308.1, regarding renewal term limits for apprentice licensees. She suggested that if the Board intends to propose legislation to amend or change that or any other provision, that the Board consider acting soon if they wish for it to be presented to the Department for proposal in the 2023 legislative session.

Chairman Radtka stated that he would prefer to have all of the Board members present at the meeting before discussing moving forward with a legislative proposal and asked that the issue be placed on the Agenda for the August 18, 2022 meeting. Executive Director Bull recommended that with the anticipated change in administration, the Board might consider waiting until the 2024 legislation session for a such a proposal.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Radtka stated that the summer months are slow months for the Board. He encouraged everyone to be safe and enjoy their summer.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Bull informed the Board that, due to a maintenance emergency, the main offices of the Board would be closed to the public and, therefore, all Board meetings would be held virtually until further notice. He also stated the until the repairs to the building were complete the Board staff would be working remotely but would still be available to the Board in all capacities.

Director Bull also stated that beginning with the Agenda for the August 18, 2022 meeting, changes would be implemented to the formatting of the meeting Agenda and Board Minutes. He also requested that, beginning with the August 18, 2022, Board meeting, that members of the Board use a computer to access the virtual meeting and use their cameras while in attendance. Director Bull stated that the use of cameras would allow some added familiarity between Board

members and staff, and help ensure the accuracy of the minutes, as it would be easier to identify each Board member visually. Director Bull also stated that all staff would be required to appear on camera during each Board meeting beginning August 18, 2022.

Chairman Radtka thanked Director Bull for his report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not convene in a closed session.

**APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION**

None necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon Mr. Mann’s Motion, and Mr. Horton’s second, and by a roll call vote the Board unanimously voted to adjourn meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Signature on File

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Chair, Joseph Radtka

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