
**STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING
BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: May 18, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(In person for Board Members and Staff only)
Held via Video Conference
meet.google.com/qks-niad-yfo
By Phone via Teleconference
1-414-909-7588 (PIN: 385820141)

Members Present: Joseph Radtka, Chairman
Gregory Schott, Industry Member
Michael Bowersox, Industry Member
Roland Mann Jr., Industry Member
Keith Horton, Industry Member
Richard Bowers, Consumer Member

Absent:

LABOR Officials & Staff Present: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Licensing Unit
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Fishpaw, Pipe Trades Technology
Diane Kastner, MPHCC
William Sompayrac, Pipeline Training Institute
Jesse Fields, Pipeline Training Institute

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowersox noted an error in the April 20, 2023, meeting minutes. He stated that Mr. Bowers should have been listed as having been in attendance at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023, Board meeting with correction, by Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Mr. Bowers, and by roll call vote, carried unanimously by the Board.

Counsel Kinstler noted an error on the May 18, 2023, agenda. The agenda stated that the Board would vote to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of the April 20th meeting. Counsel stated that the Board does not discuss any of the findings of a closed session in an open meeting.

PLUMBING COMPLAINTS

Mr. Schott reported the findings of the Complaint Committee as follows:

<u>Closed Complaint</u>	<u>Under Investigation</u>	<u>Sent for A.G. Pre-Charge</u>	<u>Criminally Charged</u>
22-0049	23-0016		
23-0003			
23-0009			
23-0010			
23-0012			
23-0013			

Upon a Motion by Mr. Bowersox, and a second by Mr. Mann, the Board voted unanimously, in a roll call vote, to approve the Complaint Committee’s report.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summaries for April 2023:

Plumber	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
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Journey Natural Gas Fitter	0	0	0	0%
Journey Plumber/Gas Fitter	38	16	22	42%
Master Natural Gas Fitter	5	3	2	60%
Master Plumber/Gas Fitter	17	5	12	29%
TOTAL	60	24	36	40%

Chairman Radtka reported that since January 2023, 231 candidates were tested, 87 candidates passed, 144 failed, for a pass rate of 38%. Since the inception of the test, 10615 candidates were tested, 3835 candidates passed, 6780 failed, for a pass rate of 36%. There are currently 13,415 active licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Radtka stated that he had intended to discuss the Fire Advert System, however that information was not sent to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Thornton apologized for the error and stated that material would be sent to the Board members prior to the June meeting.

No other Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RERORT

Director Bull reported Commissioner Morgan was no longer with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing and had been replaced by Commissioner John Dove. He also reported that Mr. Leif Hancock had been sworn in as a new Industry member of the Board. Director Bull stated that Mr. Hancock was not able to attend today’s meeting and would be formally introduced to the Board at the June meeting.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

Counsel did not offer a report.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chairman Radtka stated that he looked forward to meeting Mr. Hancock and that he was aware that he is a Master Plumber/Gas Fitter based in Salisbury, MD. Chairman Radtka stated that the Board also needed to find a member to replace Mr. Small and asked that the discussion be placed on the June agenda under new business.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene in a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Mr. Bower’s Motion, and Mr. Schott’s second, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Signature on File

06/15/2023

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on 06/15/2023