

## MINUTES

### HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:35 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson  
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor  
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman  
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman  
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman  
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor  
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman  
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor  
Tommasi Fusciello, Public Member  
Paula M. Welch, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member, appointed by the Governor

Board Counsel Present: None

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

Public Present:

Don Hunter	Bob Albini
Ray LoChapelle	Mark Mastropasqua
Chris Fontaine	John Massella
Ron Laconto	Luke J. Ford
Ron Ragozzino	William Washington
Steven C. Sosensky	Enrique Herazo
Justin Maddox	
Douglas Giacco	
Douglas Nadeau	
Edwin Eames	
Todd Rose	
Peter Barina	

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted to approve minutes of the May 22, 2008 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting, with amendments to page-1, reflecting Cameron G. Champlin, Jr. as Acting Chairperson for the meeting. Board member Robert H. Barrieau abstained from voting due to not being present at the May 22, 2008 meeting. Board member David G. Foster was not present to vote on this matter.

## **BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

Appointment letter dated February 1, 2008 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of Paula M. Welch as a Public Member to the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board, in succession to Joseph Blumberg.

Paula W. Welch was not present at today's meeting.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Greg E. Aubin, N. Grosvenordale, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor – No Action**

The Board approved Mr. Aubin's application at their 5/22/08 meeting, contingent upon verification that his Massachusetts license is equivalent to the CT (S-7) Limited Contractor license.

Mr. Aubin was not present at today's meeting and the Board took no action on his application.

### **Peter Barina, Ledyard, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**

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

### **Jeffrey J. Brady, Wales, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – No Action**

Mr. Brady was not present at today's meeting and the Board took no action on his application.

### **Edwin D. Eames, Dudley, MA – (B-1) Limited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Eames application, contingent upon verification that his Massachusetts license is equivalent to the CT (B-1) Limited Contractor license.

**Douglas C. Giacco, Meriden, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-10)**

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

**Enrique A. Herazo, New Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Tabled**

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Herazo's application, contingent upon verification from the CT Department of Labor as to Mr. Herazo's hours of occupational and school related instructional experience.

**Donald J. Hunter, Ashaway, RI – (D-1) Limited Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Hunter changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman. Mr. Hunter was employed by a manufacturing firm and has not completed an apprenticeship program. After further input and discussion, the Board was deadlock on a vote, three members in favor and three members opposed.

**Ronald W. Laconto, Dayville, CT – (B-3) Limited Contractor – Tabled**

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Laconto's application, contingent upon verification that his Massachusetts or Rhode Island license is equivalent to the CT (B-3) Limited Contractor license.

**Justin W. Maddox, Norwich, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved**

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

**John V. Massella, III, North Haven, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved (B-2)**

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

**Douglas D. Nadeau, Pawcatuck, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-2)**

Mr. Nadeau changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nadeau to sit for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination, and if he passes the examination, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor examination.

**Gary W. Weech, Greenwich, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Weech was not present at today's meeting and the Board took no action on his application.

**John P. Wiechec, Jr., Westfield, MA – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

The Board approved Mr. Wiechec's application at their 5/22/08 meeting, contingent upon verification that his Massachusetts license is equivalent to the CT (S-8) Limited Journeyman license.

Mr. Wiechec was not present at today's meeting and the Board took no action on his application.

## **LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **Christopher R. Fontaine, Enfield, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted to approve Mr. Fontaine's application. Board member David G. Foster and Ronald J. Crabb were opposed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence dated April 16, 2008 from Attorney Steven C. Sosensky, concerning sheet metal work in Connecticut.

Attorney Sosensky appeared before the Board today and expanded on his inquiries concerning sheet metal work in CT. DCP Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Jr. has responded to Attorney Sosensky's inquiries via his letter dated January 18, 2008. Attorney Sosensky said he is appearing before the Board today to appeal Commissioner Farrell's response. After further discussion on this matter, the majority of the Board was in agreement with Commissioner Farrell's written response. Board member Philip H. Benoit and Patrick Duane were opposed.

- Correspondence regarding Sheet metal apprenticeship courses offered at Naugatuck Valley Community College Center for Business & Industry Training.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Todd Rose expressed concern regarding mechanical general contractors installing heating and air conditioning units and using them as a temporary source of heating and/or cooling before the construction job is done, which in effect, voids the manufacturer's warranty on the heating and/or cooling units. Mr. Rose would like to have this practice discontinued. The Board informed Mr. Rose that he would have to contact the state building official or lobby the legislature concerning any code and/or statutory changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.**