

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 23, 2015

Meeting Location: Androscoggin Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine

Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman

William Longley, Jr.

Aaron Ford

Lawrence Kent

The following members were absent:

Lawrence Dempsey

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator

Dana Tuttle, Senior Inspector

Vickey Gray, Board Clerk

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Call to Order and Welcome

Percy Brown called the Plumbers' Examining Board to order.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting and the August 13, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Lawrence Kent

Second: William Longley, Jr.

Unanimous

New Business:

Election of Chairman and Other Officers

A motion was made to nominate Percy Brown, Jr. as chair.

Motion: Lawrence Kent
Second: William Longley, Jr.
Unanimous

Complaint Presentations

2014-PLU-9759

Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to reject the proposed consent agreement which included a fine in the amount of \$1000.00, to re-negotiate a consent agreement with a fine payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 and to advise the Maine Fuel Board of the facts of this case for potential investigation.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.
Second: Aaron Ford
Unanimous

2014-PLU-10289

Dana Tuttle presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to accept the draft consent agreement which contains an admission to violating the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code Chapter 7-708.0 and 9-905.3 and a civil penalty of \$1000.00.

Motion: Lawrence Kent
Second: William Longley, Jr.
Unanimous

2014-PLU-10453

Dana Tuttle presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to dismiss this complaint for lack of jurisdiction.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.
Second: Lawrence Kent
Unanimous

2014-PLU-10656

Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to dismiss this complaint as no evidence of noncompliance with the code was found.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.
Second: Aaron Ford
Unanimous

Administrator's Report

At the request of board members, Catherine provided them copies of consent agreements that have been ratified since June of 2014.

Catherine informed the members that the examination contract with Prometric has been extended while she puts out a request for proposal to interested examination vendor(s).

The members were advised that the staff will have a licensing information booth at the PHCC conference on March 20, 2015.

Catherine anticipates that members will participate in an adjudicatory hearing at their next meeting and that full attendance is desirable to ensure a quorum.

Senior Inspector's Report

Dana Tuttle discussed the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code with the board members. The conversation was centered around whether to prepare for rulemaking to adopt this version. The consensus was to have Dana put together proposed rule changes for the members review.

Dana updated the members on his meeting with David Braley from the Division of Environmental Health to discuss the possibility of creating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Well Driller & Pump Installers Commission regarding licensing a trainee or journeyman plumber to pull and replace well pumps. Dana and Mr. Braley developed a list of potential issues that the Plumbers' Examining Board and the Well Driller and Pump Installers Commission need to address. Dana will get the Commission's meeting dates and provide those dates to the Plumber's Examining Board members for a further discussion regarding conflicts and voids between the two sets of rules regarding these licensing requirements.

Other Business

Christopher Mann updated the members on the status of the unlicensed practice investigation of Bath Fitters by the Attorney General's Office.

The members reviewed the board meeting dates for 2015. A motion was made to accept the dates as presented.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.

Second: Lawrence Kent

Unanimous

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickey Gray
Board Clerk