

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: April 11, 2016

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

Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

Members present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman

William Longley, Jr.

Lawrence Dempsey

Aaron Ford

Members Absent:

Lawrence Kent

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, Jr. called the Plumbers' Examining Board to order.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Lawrence Dempsey

Second: Aaron Ford

Unanimous

New Business:

Complaint Presentation

2015-PLU-11788 – Brian Johnson

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Assistant Attorney General Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case and a proposed consent agreement with a fine of \$750.00.

A motion was made to offer a revised consent agreement, with the same facts and increase the fine to \$500.00 per violation for a total of \$4,000.00.

Motion: Aaron Ford
Second: William Longley, Jr.
Opposed: Lawrence Dempsey
Motion Carried

A motion was made to have the Chair sign the consent agreement if it is accepted.

Motion: Larry Dempsey
Second: William Longley, Jr.
Unanimous

Senior Inspector’s Report

Dana Tuttle informed the members that the PHCC Trade Show went well. He indicated that his training seminar was well attended.

Dana advised the members that there are a number of large jobs going on in the State and that he has been visiting job sites and checking licenses.

Dana advised the members that there is an increasing issue with temporary companies using trainee and journeyman plumbers who are not “in the employ of” a master plumber, to do jobs in the State. Dana will do additional research and report back to the board at a later date.

Dana informed the members that the inspectors have been very busy in the field with complaints and consumer inquiries, but things are going well.

Administrator’s Report

Catherine Carroll reported that the new examination vendor PROV is now administering examinations. The Board members were encouraged to take these examinations.

Catherine reported to the members that she has been in communication with PROV with regard to administering examinations at all of the community colleges in Maine to coincide with graduations of the plumbing programs.

Catherine informed the members that IAPMO provides a copy of the Uniform Plumbing Code free of charge to veterans studying for the licensure exam.

Catherine asked the members to review the draft of the board’s rule Chapter 4 in preparation for executive review. Catherine advised the members that they do not need to conduct a public hearing but can solicit written public comments.

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A motion was made to solicit public comments only contingent upon approval of the executive review.

Motion: Lawrence Dempsey

Second: Aaron Ford

Unanimous

Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickey Gray

Board Clerk