

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 8, 2021
Meeting Location: This meeting occurred via remote access pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §403-A.
Time Meeting Scheduled to Begin: 9:00 a.m.

Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER –9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman
Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Members absent:

Nicholas Adams

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Mary Lord, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Robert Leclair, Exec. Dir. M.H.B.
Peter Holmes, State Fuel Inspector

AAG Present:

Elizabeth “Betsy” Stivers

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Motion: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

IV. 2021 UPC Rulemaking

Peter Holmes and Robert LeClair presented possible changes to Chp. 4 based on adopting the 2021 UPC. It was agreed to schedule a meeting on March 15th to discuss a draft rule.

V. COMPLAINT PRESENTATION

a. 2020-PLU-17090

A motion was made to offer a consent agreement for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with a \$250.00 penalty fee.

Motion: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reported that there is a steady flow of incoming applications for exams and licensure. Testing is available remotely and at test centers. The unit is still short-staffed and recruiting for a clerk will be underway soon. The board's next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021.

REPORT FROM ROBERT LECLAIR

Robert Leclair reported on the recruiting efforts for a state plumbing inspector and his work with Peter Holmes on comparing 2015, 2018, and 2021 UPC changes. Bob, Pete, and Bobby Hodgkin acknowledged code non-compliance issues at a job site in S. Portland.

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Gauthier of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) expressed his availability to be a resource to the board.

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Motion: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried