PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 9, 2021

Meeting Location: Central Conference Room – Gardiner Annex

Time Meeting Scheduled to Begin: 9:00 a.m.

Time Meeting Began: 9:02 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman

Nicholas Adams

Members absent:

Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator Mary Lord, Professional Licensing Supervisor Jody Breton, Office Specialist II, Acting Capacity Kristin Racine, OPOR Attorney Michael Day, State Plumbing Inspector 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: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

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IV. CH. 4 "INSTALLATION STANDARDS"

A motion was made to accept the Basis Statement and Summary and Response to Comments, and approve the Economic Impact Statement,

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

A motion was made to to adopt Ch. 4, as proposed, and to correct a typographical error in 1. C. (1),c,(3).

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

A motion was made to have Ch. 4 effective as of January 1, 2022.

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

V. CONSENT AGREEMENT PRESENTATION

William LeFever – JY90018200

A motion was made to offer a proposed consent agreement to the licensee that would require paying a \$350. penalty for misrepresenting information on his traininee license renewal and for failing to timely report a criminal conviction.

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

VI. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

a. 2021-PLU-17411

A motion was made to take the case to hearing.

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

b. 2020-PLU-16657

A motion was made to find that the licensee has satisfactorily met the terms of probation pursuant to the Decision and Order, and that the probation period need not be further extended.

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Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

VII. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reminded board members that the next meeting is scheduled for October 4th in which three adjudicatory hearings are scheduled.

VIII. STATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Michael Day reported that he is being trained and oriented in his new position. Mike's meeting with LPIs and CEOs, and accompanying other state inspectors. Mike is inspecting complaints in St. Albans and Rockland. Mike is working with OPOR inspectors on inquiries on code requirements. Percy asked Mike to train licensed plumbers and LPIs on the newly adopted code, including future vents. Mike thanked and expressed appreciation to everyone for getting him acquainted with his new job as the State's inspector.

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

William Nash of the International Code Council asked questions regarding quorum requirements of the board. Mr. Nash stated that the staff outnumbered the board members and that there should have been more support for the ICC. Mr. Nash questioned the board's due diligence in the rulemaking process and said that the process should change. Dana Tuttle thanked the board for their hard work in the rulemaking process and expressed his support for the UPC.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Motion: Nicholas Adams Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Motion Carried

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