

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: October 2, 2023
Meeting Location: 221 State Street, Augusta and virtually pursuant to Section 2 (a.) (ii) of the Board's Remote Participation Policy adopted by the Board on July 7, 2023.

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

Time Meeting Began: 9:05 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

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

Members absent:

None

Staff Present:

Matthew Kaply, Board Manager
Matthew Fournier, Planning and Research Associate II
Michael Day, State Plumbing Inspector

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the August 14, 2023 meeting as written.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. LICENSE APPLICATIONS PRESENTATIONS

a. Jarrod Jamieson – Journeyman-In-Training

A motion was made to allow the licensee to rescind his pending journeyman-in-training license and allow board staff to issue a journeyman license, upon receipt of a journeyman license

application that has the sufficient minimum work experience required as a trainee plumber for the journeyman license.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

b. William Trombly Jr. – Master (NH by Endorsement.)

A motion was made to not accept New Hampshire, New Jersey, or Rhode Island master plumber licenses for licensure by endorsement on the basis that the licensing requirements are not sustainably equivalent to Maine's because the licensing examinations are based on a completely different plumbing code than what Maine has adopted.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

c. Bruce Bellace Sr. – Master (NJ by Endorsement.)

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Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

d. Frank Underdown - Master

A motion was made to preliminarily deny the license application because of the criminal conviction and offer a consent agreement with a warning for not reporting a criminal conviction to the Board within 10-days, with a \$100.00 civil penalty to be paid within 90-days, and a term probation of two years of issuance the master license, where the licensee must provide the Board with a report of continued treatment as part of his rehabilitation with license renewal application.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

e. Gary Travers – Master (RI by Endorsement.)

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Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

V. EXAM APPLICATION PRESENTATION

a. Michael Donohue – Journeyman Exam

A motion was made to allow the applicant to sit for the journeyman exam upon submit proof of work experience or education that supports how he qualified for the Chicago journeyman plumber license.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD MANAGER’S REPORT

Matthew Kaply gave the report.

VII. BOARD INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Michael Day gave the inspector’s report to the Board.

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Nick Adams

Second: Robert Hodgkin, Jr.

Voted 3 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.