

### STATE OF MAINE

## DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION OFFICE OF LICENSING & REGISTRATION

#### PLUMBER'S EXAMINING BOARD

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# MAINE PLUMBING BOARD UN-OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 09, 2025

Meeting Location: 76 Northern Ave., Gardiner, ME

Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, Central Conference Room, 76 Northern Ave., Gardiner, ME. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with one board member appearing remotely pursuant to Section 2 (a) (ii) of the Board's Remote Participation Policy adopted by the Board on July 7, 2023.

Time Meeting Began: 9:01 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Members Present:
Nicholas Adams

Robert Hodgkin

Fred Jokinen

Members Absent:

Don Bailey

Staff Present

Holly Poirier, Board Manager

Karen Ross, Board Staff

Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General

#### II. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

The board manager asked for an amendment to the agenda; an affidavit intended to be included in the examination application review this morning (agenda item IV) was inadvertently left out of the packet.

A motion was made to allow the amendment to agenda.

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkins Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Voted in Favor: Robert Hodgkin Fred Jokinen Nick Adams

In Favor - 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried

#### III. MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL, 04/14/2025

Minutes were accepted as written Motion made by: Robert Hodgkin Seconded by: Nick Adams

Voted in Favor: Robert Hodgkins Don Bailey Nick Adams

In Favor - 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried

#### IV. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

#### a. <u>2024-PLU</u>-20276

A motion was made to resolve the matter by offering a consent agreement for not pulling a new permit after a change in the master plumber, and offering a civil penalty of \$250.00.

Motion made by: Nick Adams Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Vote in Favor: Robert Hodgkin Fred Jokinen Nick Adams

In Favor - 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried

#### b. 2023-PLU-20489

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint based on a lack of jurisdiction and refer the case to The Attorney General's Office for unlicensed practice.

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkin Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Vote in Favor: Nick Adams Fred Jokinen Robert Hodgkins

In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion Carried

#### c. 2024-PLU-19240

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint based on lack of jurisdiction and refer the Matter to the Electricians' Examining Board

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkin Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Vote in Favor: Nick Adams Fred Jokinen Robert Hodgkin

In Favor -3/0 Opposed

Motion Carried

#### d. <u>2024-PLU-19667</u>

A motion was made to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and to seek to resolve the matter by offering a consent agreement for 10 violations. The Board voted to issue a reprimand, a suspension of his license for 90 days from the effective date of the consent agreement, during the suspension period, the licensee must close all permits and not supervise anyone. To issue a civil penalty of \$500.00 for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice, \$500.00 for performing plumbing installations without a permit, \$500.00 for allowing an unlicensed trainee to use his license to pull a permit, and \$250.00 for each of the 7 UPC violations, for an aggregate civil penalty of \$3,250.00 to be paid in 90 days from the effective date of the consent agreement.

Motion made by: Nick Adams Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Vote in Favor: Nick Adams Fred Jokinen Robert Hodgkin

In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion Carried

A motion was made to allow the board chair to sign the consent agreement on behalf of the

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkin Seconded by: Nick Adams

Vote in Favor: Nick Adams Fred Jokinen Robert Hodgkin

In Favor -3/0 Opposed

Motion Carried

## V. EXAMINATION APPLICATION PRESENTATION

#### a. ALEXANDER GOOD, JOURNEYMAN

A motion was made to allow the applicant to sit for the Journeyman Examination.

Motion made by: Nick Adams

Seconded by: Robert Hodgkin

Vote in Favor:
Fred Jokinen
Robert Hodgkins
Nick Adams
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

#### VI. BOARD INSPECTOR'S REPORT

#### VII. BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

• The Department is looking to fill the Senior Plumbers Inspector position. The Department is currently accepting applications.

#### VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

• No Public Comment

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT AT 10:35 am

Motion made to Adjourn the meeting

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkins Seconded by: Fred Jokinen

Votes in Favor: Nick Adams Fred Jokinen Robert Hodgkins

In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried