



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
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PLUMBER'S EXAMINING BOARD
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MAINE PLUMBING BOARD UN-OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 14, 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: 9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Members Present:

Nicholas Adams (remote)
Robert Hodgkins
Don Bailey

Members Absent:

Fred Jokinen

Staff Present

Holly Poirier, Board Manager
Karen Ross, Board Staff
Kristen Bowker, Board Staff
Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General
Peter Holmes, Executive Director of Manufactured Homes

II. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR 2025

Board Member Nick Adams volunteered to be the Board Chair

Motion made to accept the nomination: Robert Hodgkins

Seconded by: Don Bailey

Voted in Favor:

Don Bailey

Robert Hodgkins

Abstained:

Nick Adams

In Favor – 2 / 0 Opposed / 1 Abstained

Motion Carried

III. MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL, 12/09/2024

Minutes were accepted as written

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkins

Seconded by: Nick Adams

Voted in Favor:

Robert Hodgkins

Don Bailey

Nick Adams

In Favor - 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried

IV. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

a. 2024-PLU-19946

A motion was made to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing, and seek to resolve the matter by offering a consent agreement for potential violation of section 105.5 the Uniform Plumbing Code (2021) and two counts of aiding and abetting unlicensed practice. The Board voted to offer issue a warning, a civil penalty of \$500.00 each for 2 counts of aiding & abetting, and \$250.00 for the UPC violation, for an aggregate civil penalty of \$1,250.00 to be paid in 90 days from the effective date of the Consent Agreement. The Board also voted that the Board Chair can sign the Consent agreement once signed by the licensee.

Motion made by: Nick Adams

Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins

Vote in Favor:

Robert Hodgkins

Don Bailey

Nick Adams

In Favor - 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried

b. 2023-PLU-20485

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint based on no violations of the Board's Rules or Laws.

Motion made by: Nick Adams

Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins

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

c. 2024-PLU-20351

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint based on no violations of the Board's Rules or Laws.

Motion made by: Nick Adams
Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins
Vote in Favor:
Nick Adams
Don Bailey
Robert Hodgkins
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

V. LICENSE APPLICATION PRESENTATION

a. PATRICK GAUTHIER – MASTER

A motion was made to uphold the preliminary denial of the master application originally voted on by the board on July 7, 2023.

Motion made by: Nick Adams
Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins
Vote in Favor:
Don Bailey
Robert Hodgkins
Nick Adams
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

b. NATHAN TUTTLE – TRAINEE

A motion was made to grant the applicant a trainee license based on the rehabilitation documentation provided by the applicant for the board's consideration. Applicant provided evidence that the applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust.

Motion made by: Nick Adams
Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins
Vote in Favor:
Don Bailey
Robert Hodgkins
Nick Adams
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

c. MATT DEROCHER – RENEWAL JOURNEYMAN

A motion was made to offer preliminary denial of the Journeyman's application based on lack of rehabilitation documentation as evidence to warrant the public's trust.

Motion made by: Nick Adams
Seconded by: Robert Hodgkins
Vote in Favor:
Don Bailey
Robert Hodgkins
Nick Adams
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

VI. EXAMINATION APPLICATION PRESENTATION

a. SCOTT COLWELL, JOURNEYMAN

A motion was made to deny the examination application based on a lack of apprenticeship experience working under a master. The board thanks the applicant for their years of service while serving in the Navy, and recommends that he apply for a trainee license to gain experience.

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkins
Seconded by: Nick Adams
Vote in Favor:
Don Bailey
Robert Hodgkins
Nick Adams
In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed
Motion Carried

VII. BOARD INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

VIII. BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- An applicant was in the audience, attending the board meeting in person, who had a pending trainee license application that was approved at today's meeting. He thanked the board for giving him a chance and approving his application.

X. ADJOURNMENT AT 9:55 am

Motion made to Adjourn the meeting

Motion made by: Robert Hodgkins

Seconded by: Don Bailey

Votes in Favor:

Nick Adams

Don Bailey

Robert Hodgkins

In Favor – 3 / 0 Opposed

Motion carried