



STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS
Division Meeting
May 20, 2020 - Teleconference
Open Session Minutes

The State Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Master and Journeyman Plumbers met via teleconference on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, for the purpose of conducting Division business.

Division Members Present

Lance McCravy, Division Chairman
Paul Maushardt
Victor "Shane" Strickland
James "Jay" Cunningham
Nicholas Marine

Division Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Deborah Beard, Executive Director
Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist
Maximillian Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Bryon Thernes, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Tommy McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors

None

Call Meeting to Order:

At 9:05 a.m., Division Chairman McCravy established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Open Session:

Licenses Issued Report:

The Division of Master and Journeyman Plumbers reviewed the list of applicants which were previously reviewed and administratively approved by Cognizant Board Members. A motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Maushardt, and the Division voted to ratify 6 Journeyman Plumber, 0 Master Plumber – Restricted, 5 Master Plumber - Non-Restricted licenses issued from January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020. None opposed, motion carried.

6 Journeyman Plumber

JP507172	John Cody Folker	JP507175	Steven Andrew Watts
JP507173	Jacob Robert Phillips	JP507176	Caius Able Martin
JP507174	Scott Andrew Jenkins	JP507177	Steven Wayne Gers

5 Master Plumber - Non-Restricted

MP210725	Charles David McDonald, Jr.	MP210728	Thomas Edward Carter, Jr
MP210726	Brian Christian Campbell	MP210729	Davin Kristopher Hull
MP210727	Eugene Brown Barnett		

Public Board Orders:

A motion was made by Maushardt, seconded by Strickland, and the Division voted to ratify acceptance of the following Board Orders. None opposed, motion carried.

Gers, Steven Wayne Public Consent Agreement for Licensure - JP507177



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Johnson, Jonathan Paul Public Consent Agreement for Licensure - JP507178
Wade, Steven Jr Voluntary Cease and Desist Order
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Executive Directors Report:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director provided the Division an update on office operations, due to COVID-19. In response to Governor Kemp's recommendation that state employees work remotely, the Professional Licensing Boards Division has implemented telework options for its staff and, effective March 16, the Professional Licensing Boards Division closed to visitors. Visitors are able to drop off applications and mail, but not able to meet with staff. Constituents are encouraged to utilize web resources for online transactions and to answer frequently asked questions. Constituents may continue to contact the call center at 844-753-7825. All Board meetings are being conducted by teleconference/zoom. There is currently a state hiring freeze. Our department currently has two vacancies and is unable to fill those positions due to the freeze. State agencies have been tasked with reducing their budgets, therefore boards are being asked to continue conducting board meetings by zoom with one in-person meeting per year. Once the final budget has been set our office we will have more information regarding board meetings.

Due to the closure of AMP/PSI testing centers during March and April, the candidates already registered for the April exam window were moved to a new exam window in June.

The Division was also provided an update on active license's as of May 20, 2020. There were 1,335 Journeyman Plumber licensees, 614 Master Plumber – Restricted licensees, and 3,635 Master Plumber – Non-Restricted licensees.

Beard also provided an update on staff operations. The department currently has two vacancies and is unable to fill them due to a state hiring freeze. Therefore, two temporary part-time employees are assisting the department to keep operations moving forward.

Executive Session:

At 9:12 a.m. a motion was made by Strickland, seconded by Maushardt, and the Division members present voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-2(1) to review executive session minutes, conduct applicant appearances, review the attorney general's report, applications, and complaints. None opposed, motion carried.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Chairman McCravy declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

Open Session:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Maushardt, seconded by Strickland, and the Division voted to approve the open session and executive session minutes from the January 29, 2020 Division meeting. None opposed, motion carried.



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Licensure Applications:

A motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Marine, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations from executive session. None opposed, motion carried.

Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, may issue license.

2752946	2827424	2848449	2849496	2852456	2861351
2793780	2827432	2848594	2849899	2853242	2861690
2795904	2827668	2848596	2850170	2854069	2861949
2804252	2827673	2848626	2850173	2854550	2863082
2804296	2832219	2848634	2850841	2854750	2863276
2805460	2833153	2849130	2850855	2856124	2864136
2805845	2836814	2849140	2850982	2857098	2864520
2812117	2838088	2849143	2851657	2857301	2867407
2818729	2841052	2849263	2851665	2857328	2867426
2821614	2843091	2849282	2851702	2857511	2867976
2822859	2845075	2849290	2851747	2857701	2868690
2825877	2845767	2849293	2852098	2858378	2869484
2826820	2847232	2849296	2852148	2858852	
2827189	2848092	2849466	2852218	2859033	
2827417	2848426	2849474	2852244	2860171	

Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, full board review is required.

2826314	2860173	2862548
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Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, refer to Legal Services for a Consent Agreement for Licensure to include 5 years' probation with a GCIC submitted each year.

2822254	2849053	2851743	2852221
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Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, may reinstate license.

2837760	2850170	2852263	2860405
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Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) for licensure by reinstatement.

2850998	2853365	2859240
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Recommend to send the following applicant(s) a deficiency letter for additional information as discussed.

2805223	2826354	2861372
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Recommend to table the following applicant(s) for further review.

2845724	2845725	2852633
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Complaint Cases:

A motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Marine, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations from executive session. None opposed, motion carried.

Recommend to close the following complaint(s) with no action.

PLUM190024

Recommend to close the following complaint due to insufficient evidence.

PLUM200051

Recommend to close the following complaint(s) due to no jurisdiction.

PLUM200057

PLUM200059

Recommend to close the following complaint(s) due to no violation.

PLUM200004

PLUM200005

PLUM200025

PLUM200069

Recommend to close the following complaint(s) and send a letter to the local authority having jurisdiction.

PLUM200060

Attorney General's Report:

A motion was made by Cunninham, seconded by Marine, and the Division voted to accept the status report as presented by the Assistant Attorney General Changus. None opposed, motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The next Division meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:

Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

LANCE MCCRAVY

Division Chairman

DEBORAH BEARD

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on September 30, 2020.