



STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS
Division Meeting
September 30, 2020 - Teleconference
Open Session Minutes

The State Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Master and Journeyman Plumbers met via teleconference on Wednesday, September 30, 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
Ken English, Licensure Supervisor
Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist
Bryon Thernes, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Tommy McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors

None

Call Meeting to Order:

At 9:11 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 Strickland, and the Division voted to ratify 1 Journeyman Plumber, 0 Master Plumber – Restricted, 0 Master Plumber - Non-Restricted licenses issued from May 1, 2020 – August 30, 2020. None opposed, motion carried.

Journeyman Plumber

JP507178 Jonathan Paul Johnson

Open Session Correspondence:

The Division reviewed open correspondence received. A motion was made by Maushardt, seconded by Marine, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations. None opposed, motion carried.

O’Donnell, Thomas with ECMC – Cunningham will reach out to discuss with submitting party.

2021 Division Meeting Dates:

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

January 27, 2021
May 19, 2021
September 22, 2021



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All Board meetings are currently being conducted by teleconference. State agencies have been tasked with reducing their budgets, therefore boards are being asked to continue conducting board meetings by teleconference. Once the final budget has been set for our office, we may have more information regarding board meetings.

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.

The Division was also provided an update on active license's as of September 30, 2020. There were 1,349 Journeyman Plumber licensees, 620 Master Plumber – Restricted licensees, and 3,665 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.

The House Bill 914 was passed and signed into law. The Board will need to review and may need to make changes to Board rules to stay in compliance with the new law.

Executive Session:

At 9:23 a.m. a motion was made by Cunningham, 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 May 20, 2020 Division meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Review of Licensure Applications:

A motion was made by Strickland, seconded by Maushardt, 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.



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2826354	2861372	2871820	2877175	2881936	2892069
2830307	2863043	2872705	2877177	2882742	2892075
2838088	2864520	2873160	2877180	2884012	2892221
2845724	2865207	2875956	2877195	2884013	2893190
2845725	2866297	2876144	2877198	2884525	2893195
2847200	2867371	2877129	2877202	2885953	2893215
2847203	2867407	2877136	2877205	2886287	2893240
2849899	2867419	2877141	2877211	2889142	2893276
2850982	2867426	2877143	2877213	2889450	2893280
2851367	2867904	2877147	2877218	2889541	2893282
2852101	2867950	2877151	2877223	2890105	2893581
2852151	2867960	2877153	2877422	2890648	
2852238	2867976	2877161	2878579	2890657	
2852633	2868690	2877165	2880772	2890915	
2853242	2869478	2877170	2881279	2891728	

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

2877926

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

2837760 2880250

Recommend to approve the following applicant(s) for licensure by reinstatement.

2834140 2865204 2868429 2875063

Recommend to deny the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam due to failure to meet qualifications.

2883218

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

2883801 2890463 2892745

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

2804603 2892071 2892341 2893279
2887225 2892219 2893230 2893283

Review of Renewal Applications:

A motion was made by Strickland, seconded by Maushardt, 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 renewal.

2580917



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Review of Complaint Cases:

A motion was made by Strickland, seconded by Maushardt, 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.

PLUM200052 PLUM200070 PLUM200078
PLUM200067 PLUM200073 PLUM200082

Recommend to close the following complaint due to insufficient evidence.

PLUM200062

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

PLUM190090 PLUM200081 PLUM210005

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

PLUM200047 PLUM200058 PLUM200066 PLUM200071 PLUM210004

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

PLUM200079

Attorney General's Report:

A motion was made by Strickland, seconded by Maushardt, and the Division voted to accept the status report as presented by the Senior Assistant Attorney General Thernes. None opposed, motion carried.

Discussion:

The Division discussed moving to on-demand testing for the exams. Beard filled the Division in on the latest conference call with PSI regarding making the change. They still have several issues that they have to resolve internally before they can proceed. The Division reviewed the testing process for ICC and expressed interest in adopting something similar or possibly changing exam vendors.

The Division also wants to implement Business Registration for their licensees, similar to the way that Division of Conditioned Air Contractors is setup. The AG will review the law and rules regarding this issue.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The next Division meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist
Deborah Beard, Executive Director



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LANCE MCCRAVY
Division Chairman

DEBORAH BEARD
Executive Director

These minutes were approved on January 27, 2021.