
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

499 - BUSINESS MEETING - AGENDA - FEBRUARY 26, 2004

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

MEETING SCHEDULED TIME: 9:00 AM ~ HUDSON ROOM, 6TH FL.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS ~

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ~ JANUARY 22, 2004 MEETING

BOARD BUSINESS Documentation is provided on all matters unless otherwise noted.

1. CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) TOPICS
for the 2005-2007 MASTER PLUMBER'S LICENSE

{Courses taken during 2003-2005}

Board Members may take this opportunity to discuss further developments concerning the next CE requirement for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal.

{No documents}

2. FULFILLING THE (5) FIVE REQUIREMENT for the 2003-2005 BIENNIAL RENEWAL

The State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers conducted an audit into compliance by its licensees concerning the (5) five hour CE requirement for the recent 2003-2005 biennial cycle.

Master Plumbers licenses were renewed for 2003-2005; however, the Board's audit produced a letter to some 460 randomly selected Licensed Master Plumbers, and requested that each licensee furnish a copy of his/her CE Certificate proving completion of the five (5) hour course for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal.

This audit produced information thus far that some licensees had passed away, while others had selected an "Inactive status" for their license. Additionally, many CE certificates of completion were provided by licensees proving attendance at the required (5) five hour course. Licensees found not having attended CE" and those discovered having attended CE"late" since Board notification" will be considered for disciplinary action; however, all files remain in an investigative stage.

Due to the disciplinary nature of these matters, the Board will address these disciplinary issues within .

Any disciplinary action warranted by the Board as a result of this CE audit will be reported in Open Public Session upon completion of the audit.

Any fines and penalties sanctioned as a result of this audit will be reported, as well, once available.

{No documents}

3. Revisiting from the January 29, 2004, agenda ~

MICHAEL MALONEY, ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER
LOCAL # 9 - CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 9, 2003
Re: Request for exemption from CE Requirements for inspectors

Mr. Maloney directed a letter to the Board requesting that its Members consider granting CE credit to those licensees who serve on the plumbing subcode committee at the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton, NJ.

On January 22, 2004, Board Members unanimously agreed with Counseling Deputy Joseph A. Donofrio that such a request would require a regulatory change in order to accommodate this "exemption," and stated that such a change is not warranted.

DAG Donofrio drafted a response dated January 29, 2004, to Mr. Maloney on behalf of the Board, and a copy is provided to Members.

4. "ASK CONSUMER AFFAIRS" INQUIRY CONSUMER DENNIS MILLER

RE: DCA INTERPRETATION/ NO. 8 ORDINARY REPAIRS ~ "GAS PIPING"

The Board Office is in receipt of an "Ask Consumer Affairs" inquiry, whereby consumer Dennis Miller presents a question concerning gas piping.

Mr. Miller states specifically that he is "looking for an answer to requirements for the installation of gas piping, and "trusts" that the DCA interpretation No. 8 Ordinary Repairs will provide the answer to his questions."

5. CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS INSTALLING MEDICAL GAS PIPING IN LICENSED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ~

Revisiting from January 22, 2004 Agenda ~
Charles Manning is invited to the Board's meeting of
February 26, 2004, to address this matter ~

STATE OF NEW JERSEY ~ 210TH LEGISLATURE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 82, P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 2005

Synopsis: Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

Sponsored by: Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson
Assemblyman Herbert Conway, Jr.

Co-sponsored by: Assemblymen Wisniewski, Asselta, Doria, DiGaetano,
Sarlo, Chivukula, Assemblywoman Greenstein, Senators
Matheussen, Coniglio, Bennett, Codey, Allen and Palaia

On January 22, 2004, the Board noted that A-82 was signed into law on January 7, 2004, by Governor James E. McGreevey.

Members agreed, however, that before any such application process is implemented for this certification, this law must be further explored to establish regulations which would provide parameters in certifying individuals for Medical Gas Piping.

6. Revisiting from January 22, 2004 Agenda ~

On January 22, 2004, Members of the Board held a discussion of this matter, noting particularly that there is no "grandfathering" of Master Plumber licenses for FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLERS AND MAINTAINERS.

At the request of the Board, DAG Joseph A. Donofrio prepared a letter to the Department of Community Affairs, expressing the Board's dissatisfaction concerning the lack of exemption from the certification requirements for Licensed Master Plumbers.

This letter was prepared on February 11, 2004, for signature by the Executive Director, Barbara A. Cook, Chairman Alexander Tucciarone, and DAG Donofrio-- its release is pending.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
RULE ADOPTION, DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

..... STANDARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF FIRE PROTECTION
ADOPTED NEW RULE N.J.A.C. 5:74
ADOPTED MAY 7, 2003 ~ EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 2003
EXPIRATION DATE DECEMBER 22, 2004

for more information on these certifications, contact:

The Division of Fire Safety
609-633-6139

7. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

*Reporting (2) penalty payments ~ - \$500 each = \$1,000:

Mr. Widing is maintaining his payment schedule concerning:

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION
OF THE LICENSE OF
JOHN WIDING, LMP # 7127

TO PRACTICE AS A MASTER PLUMBER IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ~ CONSENT ORDER
SIGNED SEPT. 7, 2003 & FILED SEPT. 25, 2003
COSTS of \$161.30 PAID IN FULL

\$12,000 PENALTY : (5) PAYMENTS TO DATE:
\$500 ~ 9/07/03 1st
\$500 ~ 10/01/03..... 2nd

\$500 ~ 10/28/03.... 3rd
\$500 ~ 11/29/03... 4th
*\$500~ 12/31/03.... 5th

{No documents}

8. Barbara A. Cook, Executive Director, reserves a portion of Open Public session to review some pending issues with Board Members.

{No documents}

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