

**#480 MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS  
- JUNE 27, 2002**

The Minutes of the June 27, 2002, Board Meeting have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its regular meeting on July 25, 2002.

The notice of the meeting has been mailed to the Star-Ledger, Camden Courier Post, and Trenton Times newspapers, and has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the Office of the Secretary of the State in Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board Meeting of June 27, 2002, was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Ralph Wetzel, Chairman

Alexander J. Tucciarone, Vice-Chairman

Margaret Sieb, Secretary

James Moore

Mark McManus

Board Member Ernest Tretola was absent.

*The vacancy remains for a **State Member** on the Board, which position was formerly held by Board Member Michael Baier, who resigned on January 11, 2002.*

*Recently appointed Board Member Peter J. Mc Donough Jr., Public Member, was **not** in attendance on June 27, 2002.*

*A vacancy also remains for a Public Member on the Board since the resignation of Christine C. Simon on April 25, 2002.*

**Others in attendance:** The following individuals were present from 9:00 a.m. until the close of the meeting at 5:00 pm:

Barbara A. Cook, Executive Director

Rosemarie Baccile, Executive Assistant

Deputy Attorney General Darlene Lapola served as the Board's counseling deputy for this meeting.

**PUBLIC SESSION VISITORS:**

The following individuals were present from the public and signed the attendance register for this meeting:

Bill Stepler, CEP Associates, Instructors of Continuing Education

Jim Miller, New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers (NJSLMP)

Charles T. Reiners, NJSLMP

Brien McLaughlin, New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers

(NJSLMP)

Linda Cunha, Rizman Rappaport Court Reporters, 426 7th Street,  
Harrison, NJ

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 23, 2002, MTG.**

A motion was made by James Moore and seconded by Alexander Tucciarone to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2002, meeting. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

### **1. Board Members were provided with a "sample" letter of the correspondence issued to each Continuing Education instructor upon his/her approval.**

Based on the expressed concerns of the Board, Members were directed to " *Note / Page 2,*" of the approval letter, where Instructors are required to insure that each attendee is in possession of a Code Book for reference during each CE course.

Accordingly, with this approval letter, each instructor is provided with a current set of Master Plumbers Rules and Regulations, as well as prepared Attendance Sheets, Certification Sheets, and a CE Certificate for duplicating.

Board Members accepted this approval letter in a motion made by Margaret Sieb and seconded by Alexander Tucciarone, and suggested that the CE letter be changed to include "*current*" when referring to the code book.

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

### **2. MARTA HORTON, NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INC. CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 20, 2002**

On June 27, 2002, Board Members reviewed correspondence submitted by this technical training company, which provided an extensive list of "hands on" seminars both public and on site. National Technology Transfer (NTT) expressed interest in becoming an approved provider of continuing education for Licensed Master Plumbers.

On June 27, 2002, Members of the Board reviewed all documentation submitted by NTT, and concluded as follows, in a motion made by James Moore and seconded by Mark Mc Manus, that:

(A) NTT does not meet the Board's criteria for instructing Continuing Education for Licensed Master Plumbers and fulfilling biennial renewal requirements insofar as NTT materials refer to an "*International Plumbing Code*" and not the "*National Standard Plumbing Code*" -- the adopted code for the State of New Jersey;

(B) Members developed a list dated January 5, 2002, which details the qualifications acceptable by the Board for those wishing to instruct CE;

(C) None of the courses offered by NTT fulfill any CE units;

(D) Board Members noted that A. Gargani, a Licensed Master Plumber and Licensed Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Inspector, represented in the NTT materials, is the only individual qualified to teach CE according to the Board's criteria; however, Mr. Gargani must submit a course outline for review and approval by the Board;

(E) The Board noted that NTT may conduct their seminars in New Jersey, but not as an approved CE Instructor;

(F) Both a course outline and the developed list for CE Instructors dated January 5, 2002, will be provided to NTT for their future development of a course outline for re-submission to the Board Office.

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

**3. REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE  
RUBEN V. RIVERA, FORMER LICENSED MASTER  
PLUMBER # 10394, FAILED TO RENEW FOR (3) BIENNIALS  
1997-1999; 1999-2001; 2001-2003**

Mr. Rivera submitted correspondence dated June 4, 2002, requesting the Board's consideration in reinstating his Master Plumber's license with appropriate documents and fees.

On June 27, 2002, a motion was made by James Moore and seconded by Margaret Sieb, to approve Mr. Rivera's reinstatement of licensure provided that he complies by June 30, 2002, with necessary renewal fees, the reinstatement fee, and the completion of a CE course for the 2001-2003 biennial renewal period.

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

**NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA**

**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE  
THOMAS P. GERAGHTY, FORMER LICENSED MASTER  
PLUMBER # 6834, FAILED TO RENEW FOR (2) BIENNIALS  
1999-2001; 2001-2003**

Mr. Geraghty submitted a letter dated June 15, 2002, providing his account of why his license lapsed. A motion was made by Mark McManus and seconded by James Moore, that Mr. Geraghty may reinstate his license contingent upon his immediate payment of renewal fees, a reinstatement fee, and the completion of a CE Course for the 2001-2003 biennial renewal period.

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE  
ROBERT G. BELLO, FORMER LICENSED MASTER  
PLUMBER # 8280, FAILED TO RENEW FOR (3) BIENNIALS  
1997-1999; 1999-2001; 2001-2003**

Mr. Bello submitted his (undated) letter received at the Board on June 26, 2002, explaining the reasons for his lapsed license. Subsequent to a discussion, a motion was made by Mark McManus and seconded by Margaret Sieb, that Mr. Bello may reinstate his license contingent upon his immediate payment of renewal fees, a reinstatement fee, and the completion of a CE course for the 2001-2003 biennial renewal period.

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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**MICHAEL BAIER  
FORMER BOARD "STATE" MEMBER**

A plaque was ordered for former Board Member Michael Baier and the inscription was read aloud in Open Public Session.

Mr. Baier was not available to attend the meeting and receive his plaque. Therefore, a letter will accompany Mr. Baier's plaque, to be mailed from the Board Office.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MOTION:**

A motion was made by James Moore and seconded by Alexander Tucciarone to proceed into Executive Closed Session to review (4) four administrative closings of consumer complaints and (13) thirteen pending consumer complaint matters, and for consideration of investigation of possible violations of applicable law, pending or anticipated litigation, matters under investigation, and review matters within the attorney-client relationship exception to the Open Public Meetings Act, and conduct three (3) investigative inquiries. The subject of this discussion shall remain confidential until such time as the reasons for having this matter in Executive Closed Session are no longer applicable.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hudson Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Cook  
Executive Director

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