

**#485 MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS  
- NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

The Minutes of the November 21, 2002, Board Meeting have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its regular meeting on December 19, 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 November 21, 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

Ernest Tretola

*At present, there are (3) Board Member vacancies. A vacancy remains for the State Member on the Board, which position was formerly held by Board Member Michael Baier, who resigned on January 11, 2002.*

*Board Member Peter J. Mc Donough, Jr. formally resigned his position in a letter to the Board dated September 5, 2002, creating a vacancy for a Public Member.*

*A vacancy remains for another 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 4:00 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, C.E.P. Associates

Jim Miller, New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers

Charles Reiners, Licensed Master Plumber #1105

Brien McLaughlin, New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Ralph Wetzel led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 2002, MEETING**

A motion was made by Alexander Tucciarone and seconded by Margaret Sieb to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2002 meeting. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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### **BOARD BUSINESS**

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1. NEW JERSEY REGISTER ~ NOVEMBER 4, 2002  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

#### **RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS**

PROPOSED READOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS: N.J.A.C. 13:32  
PROPOSAL NUMBER PRN 2002-393

On November 21, 2002, Board Members were provided with copies of the above proposal published in the New Jersey Register on November 4, 2002, reflected in Pages # 3675 through 3682.

A sixty (60) day comment period is in effect, and as of the November 21, 2002 meeting, no comments were received concerning this proposal.

2. EXPERIOR ASSESSMENTS  
MASTER PLUMBERS EXAMINATION/ BUSINESS & LAW PORTION  
DOCUMENT DATED 11/06/02

On November 21, 2002, Executive Director Barbara A. Cook provided Board Members with copies of a document prepared by Experior Assessments dated November 6, 2002, pertaining to the *Business and Law Portion* of the Master Plumber's examination.

This document detailed the *"test topics"* for this portion of the examination, and provided a representation of the percentage of the questions and number of test questions, for each respective topic.

On November 21, 2002, a motion was made by Alexander Tucciarone and seconded by James Moore to approve the test content as detailed. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS  
MEMORANDUM DATED OCTOBER 17, 2002

APPROVED MINUTES /CODE ADVISORY BOARD MTG.  
OF JUNE 14, 2002

The Department of Community Affairs provided the Board with the approved minutes of the Code Advisory Board meeting of June 14, 2002. The next Code Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2002.

REQUEST FOR STATUS OF REGULATION  
"TEN GRAY AREAS" / SCOPE OF PRACTICE  
~DEFINING PHASES OF PLUMBING  
PROPOSAL: N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3 & 13:32-1.4

On November 21, 2002, Board Members reiterated their concern and interest in the status of the above regulation.

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Darlene Lapola advised that the Attorney General now requires legal justification for all new regulations, including those which had been developed prior to his administration. DAG Lapola advised that she and Charles Manning of Regulatory Affairs will corroborate their efforts in expediting this regulation.

#### 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER PLUMBERS  
N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2

On November 21, 2002, Barbara A. Cook, Executive Director, advised the full Board that Members James Moore and Ralph Wetzel recently participated in the review of some 200 Master Plumber's applications, timely submitted in advance of the November 2, 2002, deadline which changed the qualifications for applicants as outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2 Experience Requirements.

Ms. Cook further advised that a new application is being developed at the Board Office to accommodate the recent changes in the Experience Requirements, N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2.

#### **MASTER PLUMBERS LISTING DISC FORMAT**

The Executive Director informed Board Members and those in attendance representing the Public, that a listing of all Licensed Master Plumbers is now available through a *written request* submitted to the following contact person:

Robert Campanelli, Records Custodian  
Department of Community Affairs  
P.O. Box 45025  
124 Halsey Street  
Newark, NJ 07101

#### **NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA**

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE 2003  
NATIONAL STANDARD PLUMBING CODE

Board Member Alexander Tucciarone informed those present that the National Standard Plumbing Code should be available for publication as a proposal in January, 2003.

Mr. Tucciarone also advised that an *illustrated* version of the Code Book is also being developed, and he anticipates it may be ready for publication sometime in the Spring of 2003.

#### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MOTION:**

A motion was made by James Moore and seconded by Mark McManus to proceed into Executive Closed Session to review four (4) administrative closings of consumer complaints and (8) eight pending consumer complaint matters; for consideration of investigation of possible violations of applicable law, pending or anticipated litigation, matters under

investigation; review matters within the attorney-client relationship exception to the Open Public Meetings Act, and to conduct one (1) Investigative Inquiry. 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, December 19, 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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