

Prepared by Rosemarie S. Baccile, Acting Ex. Director

**# 647 - BUSINESS MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS - PUBLIC SESSION - MINUTES - JULY 27, 2017**

The minutes of the July 27, 2017 Board Meeting have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its regular meeting.

The notice of the July 27, 2017 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 State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board meeting of July 27, 2017 was called to order at 9:00 am with the following members in attendance:

Peter Voros, Chairman

Michael K. Maloney, Vice-Chairman

Michael L. Sestanovich, Secretary

James McManus, Jr.

Robert B. Reeve

Adam J. Sabath

Donald B. Dileo Absent

Thomas C. Pitcherello, State Government Representative

Others in attendance:

The following individuals were in attendance from 9:00 a.m. until closing at 3:00 pm:

Joseph A. Donofrio, Counseling Deputy Attorney General

Rosemarie Baccile, Acting Executive Director

Public visitors:

Thomas Walsh, Licensed Master Plumber and Inspector

Court Reporter:

Susan Bischoff, State Shorthand Reporters
732-531-9500

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Peter Voros led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested that Members join in a moment of silence in recognition of U.S. military serving our Country.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the JUNE 22, 2017 MTG.

A motion was made by Thomas C. Pitcherello and seconded by Robert Reeve to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

BOARD BUSINESS

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS - &- CAPACITIES

MAYOR PETER I. VOROS ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER ~ CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL K. MALONEY ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER - VICE CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL L. SESTANOVICH ~ INSPECTOR MEMBER - SECRETARY

ROBERT B. REEVE, LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER # 7388

JAMES MC MANUS, JR., JOURNEYMAN MEMBER

DONALD B. DILEO ~ PUBLIC MEMBER

*PAUL N. BONTEMPO - PUBLIC MEMBER - RESIGNED **

ADAM J. SABATH ~ PUBLIC MEMBER

THOMAS C. PITCHERELLO, STATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

The "Public Member" seat on the Board is vacant with the resignation of Paul Bontempo effective April 3, 2017.

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- 1.) REVISIT - N.J.S.A. 45:14c-12.4 EXEMPTION “The provision of this amendatory and supplementary act shall not apply to a single family home owner who performs plumbing work on his own dwelling...”

THOMAS F. WALSH, PLBG SUBCODE OFFICIAL, TOWNSHIP OF EAST
BRUNSWICK - LETTER DATED: MARCH 7, 2016
CHARLES MANNING, REGULATORY ANALYST

On June 22, 2017, Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning was present to discuss this matter with Board Members. In his letter, Mr. Walsh recommended amendments to Board regulations to require that a home owner occupy the house in order to qualify for an exemption to licensing requirements under N.J.S.A. 45:14c-12.4.

Mr. Manning clarified that while the statutes of other boards require owner occupancy for an exemption, Master Plumbers statutes do not. The only way to impose an occupancy requirement would be for the Legislature to amend N.J.S.A. 45:14c-12.4. The Board concluded by stating that any association or individual may contact a legislator for assistance in instituting a change. However, the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers must adhere to the existing statute.

◆ It is noted that applications for the Master Plumber's examination, Master Plumber's business registration forms, and Bona fide Representative registrations are reviewed by Board Members during the course of each business meeting. Applications for Medical Gas Piping installers, brazers and instructors are also reviewed at this time.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MOTION:

A motion was made by Michael Sestanovich and seconded by James McManus, to proceed into Executive Closed Session to review consumer complaint matters, conduct investigative inquiries, discuss unlicensed advertisements, unlicensed practice matters, consider administrative closings, investigations of possible violations of applicable law, pending or anticipated litigation, matters under investigation, the DAG caseload, and review matters within the attorney-client relationship exception to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

Submitted by,


Rosemarie S. Baccile, Acting Executive Director