

**MINUTES**

**UTAH PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**March 04, 2020**

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 AM  
Heber M. Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED: 9:00 AM**

**ADJOURNED: 10:15 AM**

**Bureau Manager:**

Stephen Duncombe

**Board Secretary:**

Tracy Taylor

**Board Members Present**

Rob Allen, Chairperson

Jared Taylor

Scott Marsell

Clay Thornton

Jeff Park

**Board Members Absent**

**Guests:**

Ralph Tasker, SLCC

Jeremy Haslam, UA 140

Jason Warner, UA 140

Dave Hill, UPHCA

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Robyn Barkdull, Bureau Manager

Boyce Barnes, Continuing Education

Jenna Mayne, Testing Program Manager

Lisa Lynn, Compliance Specialist

Deborah Blackburn, Regulatory Compliance Officer

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Park made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 05, 2020 meeting. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Time: 1:46

Investigation Update

This item will be tabled until next month.

Continuing Education Update

Ms. Barkdull and Mr. Barnes provided the Board with a list of recently approved courses. Ms. Barkdull advised the Board of the more recent mechanical contractor CE requirements due to a significant number of plumbing

contractors also holding the S350 classification. Contractors holding the S350 classification have 3 hours of required mechanical/HVAC specific coursework. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 2:08

#### Compliance: Probation Update

Ms. Lynn provided the Board with the compliance report, noting there are 11 plumbers currently on probation. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 5:10

#### Exam Update

Ms. Mayne provided the Board with an exam update and more information on the Division's new provider. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 6:08

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### Review Exam Scores

The Board reviewed the examination results since the last meeting. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 13:38

#### Longstanding Apprentices

Mr. Allen discussed barriers to longstanding licensed apprentices with regards to their ability to pass the required examination(s). Mr. Allen discussed meeting certain benchmarks and creating an alternative to the practical exam. Mr. Duncombe and Ms. Blackburn recommended finishing the practical exam review prior to making any changes. Increasing the relevancy of the practical exam may eliminate or reduce some of these concerns. Ms. Mayne will continue to process through the exam review with subject matter experts. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 21:25

#### Verification of Experience

Mr. Allen discussed additional methods for verification of hours. For now, the current process will remain. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 15:23

#### Immediate Supervision

Dave Hill, representing the Utah Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association discussed the intent of the definition of "immediate supervision". Mr. Hill requested a policy or position statement on the intent of the rule and how it pertains to enforcement. The Division would prefer to address this with a modification to the rule, if necessary. Mr. Hill would prefer to have Investigations Supervisor Bobby Main present with this discussion. This item will be placed on the agenda for further discussion. Item noted with no action taken.

Time: 35:40

#### Education Committee Update

Dave Hill, representing the Utah Plumbing and Heating

Time: 1:00:42

## Legislative Updates

Time: 1:02:36

### ADJOURN:

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*


Date Approved 5/22/20

Date Approved May 22, 2020

Contractors Association stated this has stalled during the legislative session. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Mr. Duncombe provided the Board with a legislative update. Item noted with no action taken.

10:15 AM

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Chairperson, Plumber Licensing Board

(ss) *Stephen Duncombe*  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional  
Licensing