

MINUTES

UTAH PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

Electronic Meeting

October 06, 2021

CONVENED: 9:00 AM

ADJOURNED: 10:07 AM

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Stephen Duncombe
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

Rob Allen, Chairperson
Jason Warner
Harvey Hansen
Terry McBride
Jeff Park

Board Members Absent:

Seth Roth

Guests:

David Hill, UPHCA
Mark Lund, Dixie Tech
Ashlee Tengberg, Dixie Tech
Jeremy Haslam, UA Local 140
Cindy Hansen, SLCC
David James, SLCC
Robert Bergman, UMCA
Janece Holmes, OW Tech
Dennis Schoonover, Schoonover Plumbing
Carrie Francis, UMCA
David Spatafore

DOPL Staff Present:

Bobby Main, Investigations Supervisor
Boyce Barnes, Continuing Education
Lisa Lynn, Compliance Specialist
Jenna Mayne, Testing Program Coordinator
Tracy Taylor, Quality Assurance Analyst
Bryan Barry, DOPL Investigator

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes

Time: 2:39

Investigations Update

Time: 3:01

Continuing Education Update

Time: 7:59

Compliance Update

Time: 9:04

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review Exam Scores

Time: 10:44

Master Plumber
Written Exam

Time: 11:36; 46:30

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 01, 2021 meeting. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Main provided the Board with an investigations report. Item noted with no action taken.

Mr. Barnes provided the Board with a list of recently approved courses. Item noted with no action taken.

Ms. Lynn reviewed the compliance report with the Board. Item noted with no action taken.

The Board reviewed the score reports for exams taken in September of this year. Items noted with no action taken.

The Board discussed the biannual review of the plumber written exams that was completed last month by a committee of Subject Matter Experts. The SME committee made two recommendations to the Board; that the Residential Plumber practical exam be combined with the Utah Plumber practical exam, thus applicants for the residential journeyman plumber license would take the same practical as those applying for the commercial journeyman plumber. After reviewing the job task analysis, the committee also recommended eliminating the business section from the Residential Master and Master Plumber written exams thus reducing the number of questions on the written exams from 120 to 90 questions. This would essentially eliminate the residential master plumber and

master plumber written exams entirely because once the number of exam questions were reduced by taking out the business section, the exams essentially become the residential journeyman plumber and journeyman plumber written exams. Therefore, the recommendation including eliminating these exams. This would mean candidates for the master plumber license would still need to meet the experience requirements, but would not need to pass an exam. If after obtaining the master plumber license an individual decided to pursue a P200 contractor license, the business and law questions taken off the master plumber exam would be asked on the contractor's business and law exam. Mr. Hansen made a motion to accept the SME recommendations and submit them to the Construction Service Commission for approval and eventual implementation. Mr. McBride seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously.

The Board also discussed the waiting period between retakes of exams, a continuation of a discussion from the September board meeting. Ms. Mayne reported that the SME committee did not address this in their review. Ms. Mayne also reported Prov Exam is not able to offer the plumber practical at their testing sites because retrofitting their testing sites for this exam is too costly. Ms. Mayne and Prov Exam are currently exploring offering the plumber practical at the various Utah Technical Colleges around the state. Chairperson Allen expressed concern regarding the security of the exam if it is given at the schools. The Board will await a feasibility study on this matter before proceeding.

David Hill of UPHCA and Dennis Schoonover, Schoonover Plumbing, approached the Board requesting a waiver on the 120-day waiting period between retakes for an individual who had a delay in receiving ADA accommodations for the Journeyman Plumber written exam due to a misunderstanding with Prov Exam regarding their ADA accommodations request. Mr. Duncombe advised that the Board did not have the authority to waive the waiting period between retakes as it is essentially law. Chairperson Allen reiterated to Mr. Schoonover that the Board has no authority to waive the waiting period and the individual will have to wait the full 120 days to attempt the exam again.

Criminal History Guidelines Update:

Time: 23:39

DOPL's Quality Assurance Analyst, Tracy Taylor, reviewed the updated criminal history guidelines used in licensing determination. A quality assurance review was completed and it was determined that several offenses were left off the guidelines and others were miscategorized. This led to a reworking of the guidelines that are used to determine if a criminal history can be reviewed administratively or needs to come before the Board for review. Mr. McBride made a motion to accept the recommended updates to the criminal history guidelines presented. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT:

Matthew Naylor,
Beehive Plumbing

Time: 33:49

Mr. Naylor did not attend the meeting. A phone call was placed to his office and a representative explained Mr. Naylor was out of town and unable to attend. Mr. Main gave a brief report on what DOPL investigations found upon investigating Beehive Plumbing's ratios of apprentices to journeyman and master plumbers on job sites. The Board will extend an invitation for Mr. Naylor to attend the November board meeting.

ADJOURN:

10:07 AM

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.

11/03/2021

Date Approved

Rob Allen
[Rob Allen \(Nov 3, 2021 10:18 MDT\)](#)

Chairperson, Plumber Licensing Board

11/03/2021

Date Approved

Stephen Duncombe

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

