

MINUTES

**UTAH PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD
MEETING**

Electronic Meeting

April 06, 2022

CONVENED: 9:02 AM

ADJOURNED: 10:26 AM

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Stephen Duncombe
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

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

Guests:

David Hill, UPHCA
Janece Holmes, OW Tech
David Spatafore
Ashley Spatafore
Christina Bischoff, OW Tech
Cindy Hansen, SLCC
David James, SLCC
Will Pierce, USEH
Billy Hesterman, Holland & Hart
Thomas Hicken, Bridgerland Tech
Dan Remington, 2 Ton Plumbing
Lawrence Snow, Valley Plumbing and Drain Cleaning

DOPL Staff Present:

Bobby Main, Investigations Supervisor
Ashley Beyer, Outreach Coordinator
Jenna Mayne, Testing and Program Manager
Deborah Blackburn, Deputy Director
Allyson Pettley, Bureau Manager

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes

Time: 3:49

Mr. Park made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigations Update

Time: 4:16

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

Continuing Education Update

Time: 9:55

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

Compliance Update

Time: 8:02

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

Education Fund Update:

Time: 11:05

Mr. Duncombe provided the Board with the balance of the fund and the current number of licensees. Item noted with no action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Strategic Marketing and Outreach Plan:

Time: 13:05

Ashley Beyer, DOPL Outreach Coordinator, provided an update on the joint media campaign with the Electricians Licensing Board using funds from the Plumber Education Fund. Commercials are currently airing on radio and television. A portion of the cost for the commercials will come out of the Plumber Education Fund. Ms. Beyer is currently working on social media promotions. Once the radio and television commercials are paid for at the end of this month, Ms. Beyer will know how much money is left over for information videos on licensing. Item noted with no action taken.

\$300 Limit in R156-55c-102(2)(b):

Time: 16:46

DOPL Deputy Director Deborah Blackburn reviewed the executive order issued last year by Governor Cox that tasked DOPL with reviewing administrative rules and eliminates rules that create barriers to licensure or are inconsistent. During that review, the exemption for incidental plumbing work up to \$300(parts and labor) in the Plumber Licensing Act Rule (R156-55c-102 (2)(b)) was identified as an area that needed to be addressed. In 2016, the Board reviewed this issue and determined eight items fall under that exemption and listed them in the rule. However, since that time, the costs of goods and services have increased. In addition, it is very difficult to regulate and enforce this exemption. Therefore, Ms.

Blackburn is looking for guidance on whether to revise the language in the exemption so it makes more sense or remove it all together because the minor plumbing work that is incidental exemption is covered in the Construction Trades Licensing Act 58-55-305(k). There was discussion about limiting incidental plumbing to anything outside of the wall, or requires a permit. However, water heaters and water softeners are outside the wall and connect to the culinary water line. Ms. Blackburn will draft some preliminary language that reflects today's discussion and bring it back to the Board for further discussion and review.

Review Exam Scores/Exam Updates:
Time: 1:09:56

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

Plumber Practical Exam Locations:
Time: 1:10:22

Ms. Mayne recently completed a feasibility study on the possibility of expanding the plumber practical exam to other locations besides the SLCC campus and still be financially viable. The study determined four areas in the state with the highest numbers of candidates; Weber/Cache counties, Utah county, Salt Lake Valley, and Southern Utah. Local colleges and high schools in three of the areas are currently being vetted as potential testing sites (SLCC will remain as the Salt Lake Valley testing site). The plan is to open three additional testing sites to hold practical exams every 2-4 weeks with at least two sessions per day with the option of a third if necessary. Each testing session would have 7-10 candidates. There are still logistics to work out, but the goal is to have a final list of exam sites and logistics worked out in the next 60 days.

ADJOURN:

10:26 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.

05/04/2022

Date Approved

Harvey Hansen

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Chairperson, Plumber Licensing Board

05/04/2022

Date Approved

Stephen Duncombe

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing