

# State Committee of Plumbing Examiners

## Minutes

May 03, 2019

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A regular meeting of the State Committee of Plumbing Examiners was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Freeway Medical Building, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor Boardroom, Little Rock, AR.

The Chair, Larry Jones called the meeting to order. Committee members present were, Larry Jones, Greg Brasher, Justin Goins, Jamie “Clay” Brown, Phillip Fruechting, Stan Stapleton and Bob Higginbottom, Executive Secretary (non-voting ex-officio)

### Absent:

#### I. Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### II. Hearings – Consents

**Bill Donner** – The staff proposed a Consent Order for Bill Donner to the Committee for consideration. Mr. Donner waived his right to a hearing by accepting the Department proposed administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violations of the Plumbing licensing laws. The Committee made a motion to accept the Consent Order. Motion Carried.

#### III. Master Plumber Application Review

a. Approval-  
Committee made the motion for approval of the Master Plumber applications. Motion carried.

b. Disapproval- None

#### IV. Journeyman Plumber Application for Review-

a. Approval-  
Committee made the motion for approval of the Journeyman Plumber applications. Motion carried.

b. Disapproval- None

#### V. Restricted Water and Sewer Application for Review-

a. Approval – None

b. Disapproval - None

#### VI. Supervisor Gas Fitter License Application for Review-

a. Approval –

Committee made a motion for approval of the Supervisor Gas Fitter applications.  
Motion Carried.

- b. Disapproval -None

**VII. Gas Fitter License Application Review-**

- a. Approval – None
- b. Disapproval- None

**IX. Lifetime Plumber Application for Review-**

- a. Approval- None
- b. Disapproval – None

**X. Restricted Governmental Maintenance License Application for Review-**

- a. Approval-  
Committee made a motion for approval of the Restricted Governmental  
Maintenance applications. Motion Carried.
- b. Disapproval - None

**XI. Appearances – Stephen Owens – Journeyman Reinstatement**

In 2006, the Committee held a Hearing against Mr. Stephen Owens for violations of the plumber’s licensing laws and state plumbing code. The penalties were \$1,500 in fines, reprimand against license and the requirement to re-examine to obtain license back.

After all of these years, Mr. Owens asked to appear before the Committee to present evidence that he was wrongly charged and to have the penalties overturned. After hearing all of the evidence, the Committee voted to abate all charges and to reinstate his journeyman license without examination. Motion Carried.

**XII. Old Business / New Business / Financial Report / Director’s Discussion**

Bob Higginbottom provided the following business report to the Committee:

1. Mr. Higginbottom briefly updated the Committee on Legislation and will try to have proposed plumbing rules by next meeting.
2. Mr. Higginbottom mentioned to the Committee Plan Review has new software to review electronic plans.
3. Mr. Higginbottom explained the March 2019 financial report.

**XIII. Meeting Adjourned**

- **Master Plumber Application Review-**

- Staff Recommendation for Approval-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Jimmy Arguello	Mayflower, AR	Adv
Gary Anttila	West Fork, AR	Adv
Clifford Beckwith	Hot Springs, AR	Adv
Charles Beth II	Nashville, AR	Adv
Christopher Clayton	Jonesboro, AR	Adv
James Davis	Paragould, AR	Adv
Clarencen Hendrix	Goldsby, OK	Reinstate w/o Exam
Joseph Keener	Hot Springs, AR	Adv
David McDowell	Bethel Heights, AR	Reinstate W/Exam
Brandon Mercer	Mabelvale, AR	Adv
Brooks Mercer	Rison, AR	Adv
Justin Richey	Strawberry, AR	Adv
Barrett Satterlee	Joplin, MO	Reinstate w/o Exam
Coty Taylor	Lexa, AR	Adv
Andrew Wagner	Nixa, MO	Doc
Aaron Wright	Benton, AR	Reinstate W/Exam
Bradley Zeman	Wichita, KS	Doc

- Recommendation for Disapproval –

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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- **Journeyman Plumber Application Review-**

- Staff Recommendation for Approval-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Thomas Barnette Jr.	Richland, MS	Doc
Gregory Eudy	El Dorado, AR	Release
Robert Harris	Monticello, AR	Release
Matthew Johnson	Pearcy, AR	Release
Steven Kovac	Cleveland, MS	Doc
Kevin Rogers	Sherwood, AR	Release
Brandon Smith	Fayetteville, AR	Release
Dean Stephenson	Springdale, AR	Release
Charles Windsor	Russellville, AR	Doc

- Staff Recommendation for Disapproval –

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- **Restricted Water and Sewer Application for Review-**

- Staff Recommendation for Approval -

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- Staff Recommendation for Disapproval –

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- **Lifetime Plumbing License Application for Review-**

- Staff Recommendation for Approval-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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- Staff Recommendation for Disapproval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
- **Governmental Maintenance Application for Review- None**
- Staff Recommendation for Approval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
- Recommendation for Disapproval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
- **Supervisor Gas Fitter License Application for Review -**
- Staff Recommendation for Approval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
Roger Hoffhein	Minneapolis, MN	Reinstate W/Exam
- Staff Recommendation for Disapproval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
- **Restricted Governmental Maintenance License Application for Review -**
- Staff Recommendation for Approval -
 

Name	Location	Reason
Jeffrey Allred	Warren, AR	Doc
Kelly Burkham	Mayflower, AR	Doc
Charles Harris	Jonesboro, AR	Doc
Michael Mounce	Jonesboro, AR	Doc
Tiffany Thompson	Imboden, AR	Doc
Shane Welch	Vilonia, AR	Doc
- Staff Recommendation for Disapproval -
 

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