

**Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning,
Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Examiners Board**

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Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal
Examiners
Minutes from Meeting
May 14, 2024

A Meeting of the Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Examiners was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

Members Present:

Carmelo Toscano, Appointed as Acting Chair at 6:29pm.
Hon. Toney Earl, Left Meeting at 6:28pm.
Ray Francis
Malcolm Lauder Jr.
Thomas Pastore
Patrick Conroy

Members Absent

Matthew Zugibe
Jay Theise

Also Present:

Kristin Heffernan, Deputy Director of Consumer Protection
William Hartnagel, Esq., Principal Assistant County Attorney
Al Rossi, Plumbing Examiner
Daisy Morocho, Program Aide
Scott Bishop Approved HVAC Instructor
Kevin Murphy P-1739
Adam Peska, Counsel for Kevin Murphy
Joseph Canosa P-1139
Edward Berry P-556

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Hon. Toney Earl

ROLL CALL: By Daisy Morocho

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: By Member T. Pastore, second by Member C. Toscano to approve Minutes for Meeting held on April 9, 2024.

ACTION: All in favor, Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

P-1226 Weathervane Service, Inc.

The Board requests a response from Attorney Solomon or from license holder Henry Enoch directly before the next board meeting on the following: How many times does Mr. Enoch come to Rockland County? How many employees does Mr. Enoch supervise? How many employees of Weathervane Service, Inc. are based in Rockland County? The Board will review the response at the March board meeting and determine if the response is satisfactory. The most recent response was submitted via email by Attorney Solomon to the Office of Consumer Protection on 1/26/2024. The Board has requested Mr. Enoch to personally appear to the next Board, June 11, 2024, meeting to discuss his business practices.

P-556 Ed Berry

Mr. Berry requested to appear before the Board to discuss Chapter 319-2. Definitions. Mr. Berry stated that the definitions of Plumbing and Heating should be changed. Mr. Berry stated as his belief, that any heating installation should be done by a Master Heating Contractor. Mr. Berry also stated that because of his specialized work, he is more than capable of installing a water heater. Mr. Berry stated he should not be restricted to a Master Plumbing Contractor and believes the Rockland County Mechanical License is a “protected industry” and it is “unfair” for there to be restrictions when Master Heating Contractors are more than capable to do work that is restricted only for a Master Plumbing Contractor. Member T. Pastore responded by explaining any connections to domestic water is under the Plumbing Code. Member C. Toscano stated the County of Rockland follows the New York State Code, strictly. Chair T. Earl and W. Hartnagel, Esq., stated the code is at the State level and any law change discussion would need to be with the New York State Board. Mr. Berry thanked the Board for their time and will be looking into the process.

P-1139 Joseph Canosa

Mr. Canosa submitted a request to appear before the Board on April 29th, 2024, to reinstate his Mechanical License, Mt. Kisco Mechanical Service Corp. (P-1139). The license expired on 12/31/2022. A renewal was received on 11/4/2022, and a letter was sent out for additional information on 11/7/2022. The Department of Consumer Protection received additional documents on 12/29/2022 and a second letter was sent in response to the documents on 1/4/2023. No further response from vendor was received. A warning letter was sent on 1/11/2023 and again on 2/15/2023 informing licensee to submit required documents prior to the 3/1/2023 deadline. No documents were received from licensee prior to 3/1/2023. Chapter 319 Rules and Regulations states, “If application for renewal of a license...is not received on or before March 1, of the year

after the license expires, it shall be necessary for the license-holder to re-apply which includes re-taking the written and/or practical examination, along with submitting the required fee's." Mr. Canosa pleaded to the Board to renew his license without re-applying, explaining he was unaware of the renewal process as he does not handle the office paperwork. Member C. Toscano stated that the Board is not one to put anyone out of business and asked Deputy Director, K. Heffernan, if Mr. Canosa is able to provide the correct documentation to the Office of Consumer Protection, would the Office allow the license to be renewed. Deputy Director, K. Heffernan, stated that decision would be up to the Board.

MOTION: To approve renewal application for P-1139 after proper documentation is submitted to the Office of Consumer Protection. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member M. Lauder Jr.

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott Bishop's 2025 Continuing Education Curriculum

The Board has requested that Mr. Bishop provide a more detailed outline for 2025 Continuing Education Curriculum for Mechanical License holders with the classifications, Heating, Air Conditioning, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration.

MOTION: To approve curriculum with some modifications. Moved by Member R. Francis, seconded by Member M. Lauder Jr.

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Murphy – P-1739

Kevin Murphy has been requested to appear before the Board to discuss his business practices, in relation to Open Complaint 183-24. An anonymous complaint was submitted to the Office of Consumer Protection regarding Mr. Murphy performing plumbing work in relation to the installation of generators. Mr. Murphy is licensed for Master Heating and Air-Conditioning only. Mr. Murphy, who was represented by Attorney Adam Peska, stated he has been made aware that performing this type of work violates the law and explained that the Master Heating test he had taken in Brewster, NY included questions pertaining to gas lines and was under the impression that his heating license allowed him to distribute new gas lines. The Board asked Mr. Murphy how long he has been performing the gas work for generator installations. Mr. Murphy stated he has performed this work for the last three years. Mr. Murphy and his Attorney both stated that the company has no more open generator jobs and will no longer be performing this type of work. Attorney Peska pointed out to the Board that under Chapter 319-2, the definition of Heating includes "all piping carrying gas..." and stated that this is contradictory and confusing to the Mechanical License holders. Member C. Toscano clarified that under the same Chapter, it

states that any large gas distributions must be done by a licensed Master Plumber. Member C. Toscano stated if any further incidents were to occur, the Board would pursue a possible suspension of the license. Mr. Murphy and Attorney Peska stated they understood and advised that Mr. Murphy would consider applying for a Master Plumbing classification.

Al Schimanski's 2025 Continuing Education Curriculum

Mr. Schimanski submitted an outline for 2025 Continuing Education Curriculum for Mechanical License holders with the classifications Heating, Air Conditioning, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration for the Board to review and approve the outline and the instructor. The Board is not satisfied with the curriculum and requests Mr. Schimanski to submit a more detailed outline before approval of instructor and outline.

NEW APPLICANTS:

- a) Niall Smith – P-23392 – (Master Plumbing)
MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Plumbing Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- b) Jorge Montes – P-22372 (Master Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Sheet Metal)
MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Sheet Metal. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- c) Gary Gebbia – P-690 (Master Plumbing)
MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Plumbing Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- d) Thomas Culianos – P-1215 (Master Plumbing)
MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Plumbing Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- e) Glenn Bosteels – P-22314 (Master Plumbing)
MOTION: Board requests applicant to attend next Board Meeting to discuss business practices for the Master Plumbing Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- f) Anthony V. LoVerde – P-23329 (Master Heating and Air-Conditioning)
MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Heating and Air-Conditioning Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore
ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- g) William Marroquin – P-24067 (Master Plumbing)

MOTION: To reject new application for the Master Plumbing Exam due to not having the correct amount of experience as a Master Plumber. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- h) Joseph McLaren – P-24145 (Master Plumbing)

MOTION: Board requests applicant to attend next Board Meeting to discuss the missing amount of experience for the Master Plumbing Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- i) Lippa Feldman – P-1772 (Master Heating)

MOTION: To approve new application for the Master Heating Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

- j) Erickson Hernandez – U-23440 (Master Plumbing and Heating)

MOTION: Board requests applicant to attend next Board Meeting to discuss business practices for the Master Plumbing and Heating Exam. Moved by Member C. Toscano, seconded by Member T. Pastore

ACTION: All in favor, motion passes.

CLOSE MEETING:

With the agenda completed in its entirety, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Morocho

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Program Aide