

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Cranston, RI
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**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005
9:00 A.M.**

**In attendance: Michael V. St. Martin
Brian Flynn
William J. Riley
Leo Champagne
Jeffrey J. Hutton**

Mr. William O'Brien and Mr. John Phillips are not present for today's meeting. Mr. St. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. St. Martin asked if all board members received and reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting. Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Hutton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There are five (5) hearings scheduled for today for which there is a board stenographer.

1. Kenneth Leaver - # 2071

The first appeal today is with regard to Mr. Kenneth Leaver. Mr. Leaver and Mr. Patrick Luther, RIDLT Investigator, are present and sworn in by the stenographer.

Mr. Luther read the violation: It is alleged that on July 19, 2004, Mr. Kenneth Leaver did install a toilet at the residence of Nathan Oronato, 1421 Plainfield Pike, 2nd Floor, Johnston, RI 02919 without a valid RI Plumbing license. This is a violation of RIGL 5-20-8 “practices for which a license is required”.

Mr. Oronato, the complainant, is not present today to provide testimony. Based on the testimony of Mr. Leaver, Mr. Champagne made a motion to dismiss the violation. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

2. David Germani - # 2220

The second appeal hearing today is with regard to David Germani.

Mr. Germani is present and sworn in by the Board stenographer.

Mr. Luther read the violation: It is alleged that on or about December 3, 2004, Mr. David Germani did enter into a contract with Beverly Martus to install plumbing at 41 Sprague Avenue, Warwick, RI without a RI Plumbing License. This is a violation of RIGL 5-20-8 “work for which a master license is required”.

Ms. Martus, the complainant is not present to provide testimony today. Based on the testimony provided by Mr. Germani, Mr. Hutton made a motion to dismiss the violation. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

3. Robert Scholle - # 1862

Mr. Scholle is not present for today’s appeal.

Mr. Luther read the violation: It is alleged that on March 23, 2004, a complaint was received from Mr. Vincent Walsh, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Town of Richmond, RI that Mr. Robert Scholle did install a bathroom at the residence of Joseph Norato, 2 Chariho Drive, Richmond, RI on March 1, 2004 without any RI Plumbing licenses. These are violations of RIGL 5-20-8 “practices for which a master license is required”, RIGL 5-20-9 “acts for which a journey person license is required”, RIGL 5-20-12 “corporations and firms engaged in business”. Further, no permit was issued from the Town

of Richmond for this work. This is a violation of RIGL 5-20-26 “municipal inspectors and installation permits”.

Based on the fact that Mr. Scholle did request this appeal, was properly notified and did not appear, Mr. Riley made a motion to uphold the violation. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

4. David Silva - # 2191

The next appeal is with regard to Mr. David Silva. Mr. Silva is present and sworn in by the stenographer.

Mr. Luther read the violation: It is alleged that on or about September 18, 2004, Mr. David Silva entered into a contract to install plumbing at the residence of Meredith Sullivan, 34 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI without a RI Master Plumbing license. This is a violation of RIGL 5-20-10 “work for which a master license is required”.

Based on the testimony of Mr. Silva and the fact that Mrs. Sullivan chose not to appear today after proper notification, Mr. Riley made a motion to dismiss the violation. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

5. Daniel Guastini - # 2089

The final appeal hearing today is with regard to Mr. Daniel Guastini. Mr. Guastini is not present today. Mr. Hutton made a motion to postpone this hearing until the April meeting. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

This concludes today's hearings.

In other business, Mr. Riley informed the board of some pending legislation to add a master irrigator to this board. Mr. Luther also informed the board of other pending legislation with regard to a drain layers license with this department.

With no further business, Mr. Champagne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Mr. Hutton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Examiners of Plumbers is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room.