

**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**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006

In attendance: Leo Champagne

Jeffrey J. Hutton

Anthony Cardarelli

Michael St. Martin

William Garcia

Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Michael Newman and Mr. William Riley are not present for today's meeting. Mr. St. Martin, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mr. St. Martin asked the board members if they had reviewed the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Hutton made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Cardarelli seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There are two (2) hearings scheduled for today for which there is a

board stenographer. Neither appellant is present today therefore, based on past practices, Mr. Luther suggested we postpone these hearings until the July meeting. Mr. Hutton made a motion to postpone the hearings to the July meeting. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Other Business

Mr. Luther stated that the list of new apprentices is in order. Mr. Hutton made a motion to accept the apprentice applications as submitted by Mr. Luther. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Luther then introduced Mr. Dan Sollaccio who is present today to ask the board to consider his military schooling to fulfill the education requirement in order to sit for the journeyman plumbing exam. Mr. Sollaccio explained that he has been in the apprenticeship program under the sponsorship of Gem Plumbing since 2001. During this time he has been deployed to Iraq on 2 occasions while enrolled in the education program. Mr. Sollaccio further stated that while he was deployed he received education training as well as on the job training.

Upon reviewing the course outline from Mr. Sollaccio's training while in the military, Mr. Hutton made a motion to grant Mr. Sollaccio the balance of 104 education hours which is needed to qualify for the

journeyperson plumber exam. Mr. Cardarelli seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Luther then read a letter he received from Mr. Stephen Bradbury asking the board to allow him to transfer his apprentice hours he has earned from the State of Massachusetts to the State of Rhode Island. Mr. St. Martin stated that this request has been made to this board in the past and not been granted. He further suggested that Mr. Bradbury apply to be an apprentice in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Champagne stated that he did not think it would be prudent to grant the request given the history of previous decisions by this board. Mr. Hutton then made a motion to deny the request of Mr. Bradbury to transfer apprentice hours from the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There was no further business.

Mr. Champagne made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 am. Mr. Hutton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Examiners of Plumbers is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, Department of Labor & Training, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.