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1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING  
2 DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING :

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF :

7 PLUMBERS :

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DATE: AUGUST 15, 2006

10 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: 1511 PONTIAC AVENUE

11 BUILDING 70

CRANSTON, RI

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14 PRESENT:

MICHAEL ST. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN

15 ANTHONY CARDARELLI

LEO CHAMPAGNE

16 JEFFREY HUTTON

MICHAEL NEWMAN

17 WILLIAM RILEY

E. PATRICK LUTHER, INVESTIGATOR

18 VAL LOMBARDI, ESQUIRE

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23 RHODE ISLAND COURT REPORTING

25 SEA VIEW AVENUE

24 EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02915

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1 (COMMENCED AT 9:13 A.M.)

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Call this meeting

3 to order at 9:13. Everybody has the minutes of

4 the meeting in their book. There has been some

5 changes to it, if you can just review them, and

6 I'll take a motion.

7 MR. LUTHER: The changes were just

8 where Jeff voted nay on Violation 2677, and on

9 Violation 2676, Mr. Garcia seconded the motion

10 instead of Mr. Newman. I think those are the only

11 changes, gentlemen.

12 MR. RILEY: I make a motion that

13 we accept the amended minutes.

14 MR. HUTTON: Second.

15 MR. NEWMAN: Second.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded from

17 Mr. Newman?

18 MR. NEWMAN: Yes.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

20 All those opposed? The ayes have it. Minutes are

21 accepted. We have one hearing today?

22 MR. LUTHER: Yes. The first

23 hearing, Mr. Chairman, Chris Pecchia, has sent a

24 fax stating that he will not be available for

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1 today's meeting because his legal counsel is out

2 of the country on vacation, but he has asked for a

3 continuance to the September meeting, and that is

4 Violation 2876, Chris Pecchia.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Second

6 hearing is Remy Plumbing & Heating.

7 BRIAN REMY, E. PATRICK LUTHER

8 (SWORN)

9 MR. LUTHER: Date of the

10 violation: May 23, 2006. Violation No. 2753.

11 Name of the violator, Mr. Brian Remy, Remy

12 Plumbing & Heating, 8 Laurel Lane, Warren, Rhode

13 Island 02885. The location of the violation was

14 the Metacom Condominiums, The Courtyard, on  
15 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island.

16 Violation is as follows: On April 12,  
17 2006, Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training  
18 Investigator Patrick Luther did find two  
19 employees, a Mr. Patrick Pacheco and a Mr. Joseph  
20 Pereira of Brian Remy and Remy Plumbing & Heating,  
21 installing plumbing in Bristol, Rhode Island  
22 without Rhode Island valid plumbing licenses or  
23 Rhode Island Plumbing Apprentice certificates and  
24 without supervision from a Rhode Island licensed  
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1 plumber.

2 These are violations of Rhode Island  
3 General Law 5-20-10, work for which an apprentice  
4 certificate is required, two violations, and Rhode  
5 Island General Law 5-20-25, registration of  
6 plumbing and irrigation apprentices, also two  
7 violations. As per Rhode Island General Law  
8 5-20-33, the four violations total \$2,000 at \$500  
9 per violation.

10 Basically, board members, on April 12th,  
11 I did an investigation at the Metacom Condominiums  
12 and observed Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Pereira  
13 installing plumbing work. Upon questioning the  
14 two individuals they stated they worked for Remy

15 Plumbing & Heating in Warren and I advised the two  
16 individuals that they couldn't work without  
17 supervision and without current licenses or  
18 apprentice cards in Rhode Island.

19 As of this date, if you notice in your  
20 packets, Mr. Pereira and Mr. Pacheco are currently  
21 registered apprentices in Rhode Island. Mr. Remy  
22 took care of the situation upon being notified by  
23 the department that he was in violation of the two  
24 statutes. And they are currently registered

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1 apprentices.

2 I also want to note that Mr. Pereira was  
3 a registered apprentice with a few different  
4 companies in the early '90s. He has stated to me  
5 that he has taken the journeyman and plumbers exam  
6 at one particular point in time, which we're still  
7 looking for verification of that.

8 MR. REMY: He took it when he was  
9 up in the Health Department.

10 MR. LUTHER: As everybody knows --

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Unless he has the  
12 records --

13 MR. REMY: I've been talking to  
14 Pat about this and he's trying to find out more  
15 information that he can dig up. What I was

16 explaining to Pat is when he went through a  
17 divorce, moved out of the house, and he can't find  
18 any of the paperwork.

19           So, what he's been trying to do is go  
20 back to the old employers, see if they can get  
21 records or anything. He is eligible, you know, to  
22 take it because he took it before, but we don't  
23 have the paperwork to back it up and that's what  
24 we're trying to do now.

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1           THE CHAIRMAN: He's going to have  
2 to come in.

3           MR. REMY: He's 52 years old --

4           MR. LUTHER: As you know, in the  
5 past, the records that came from the Department of  
6 Health in 2000 that were transferred over here,  
7 they purge their files every five years, so if, in  
8 fact, he did take the exam, there's probably not  
9 going to be any records that were received by this  
10 department to verify or substantiate his claim  
11 that he did take the exam. We do have some stuff  
12 to look through and without those records, I mean,  
13 it's really this board's decision.

14           MR. NEWMAN: Is he eligible?

15           MR. LUTHER: We're still in the  
16 beginning stages of investigation and trying to

17 determine exactly what he has. The first thing I  
18 asked him to do was to go back to old employers  
19 and get a letter stating that he did work for the  
20 period of time, just to make sure that the old  
21 card that was completed for the hours, the work  
22 hours that were assigned to that card. And that  
23 was a five-year card at the time. So, he's in the  
24 process of --

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1 MR. REMY: Plus, you still have  
2 him in the computer having an apprentice card  
3 before?

4 MR. LUTHER: I do have that. That  
5 is where he's going back, to look for those  
6 records.

7 MR. HUTTON: The other thing too,  
8 maybe he could go to Social Security and get a --  
9 bring up his past work history and it will show  
10 all his employers on there, how much money.

11 MR. REMY: W 2 forms?

12 MR. HUTTON: No, Social Security.  
13 How much he paid into Social Security, how much  
14 money you made. So they'll have all those  
15 employers.

16 MR. REMY: I'm working with Pat,  
17 trying to do the best thing so he'll be able to

18 take the test. He really wants to be able to take  
19 the test. I mean, he's a great plumber. I don't  
20 know what else to say. He's a great plumber. He  
21 does great work, but he needs to have the paper  
22 trail so he can do the work.

23           If there's another way to work with him,  
24 like you suggested with Social Security, or maybe

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1 like I was just thinking now, you brought that up,  
2 maybe I can get his old W 2 forms, but then again,  
3 when he moved from Fall River to Providence, a lot  
4 of his stuff was missing.

5           **THE CHAIRMAN:** Did he ever  
6 actually have -- does he claim that he actually  
7 had a plumbing license in Rhode Island?

8           **MR. LUTHER:** No. He had an  
9 apprentice card.

10           **MR. REMY:** He was taking the test.  
11 We all know what it was like back then. He asked  
12 a question to one of the people that was supposed  
13 to help him out. He got totally embarrassed.  
14 They embarrassed him in front of everybody. So he  
15 walked out.

16           **MR. LUTHER:** One of the proctors  
17 that were proctoring the exam?

18           **MR. REMY:** Yes.



19 MR. LUTHER: They weren't the  
20 most -- as everybody knows.

21 MR. REMY: He's Portuguese. He  
22 speaks a little broken English and has a hard time  
23 understanding, so at the time up there, I guess  
24 they didn't have any patience or time for him.

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1 And they just said, "If you don't know what the  
2 hell you're doing, get the hell out of here."

3 THE CHAIRMAN: This is sort of a  
4 separate issue.

5 MR. REMY: I know that, but I just  
6 wanted to -- this is the history that he's been  
7 going through, but he is registered now and we're  
8 trying to do everything to get him going.

9 And as far as the other kid, Patrick, he  
10 just started working for us. He's registered now  
11 and everything. He just started. He hasn't even  
12 been with me, when Pat seen him, two months, three  
13 months, or something like that. He wasn't even  
14 sure he wanted to be a plumber or a plumber's  
15 helper. That's basically where we're at.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: It's two months  
17 longer than he should have been working without an  
18 apprentice license.

19 MR. REMY: I understand that. I

20 was saying to him, "Are you going to stay in this?  
21 If you're going to stay, I have to get you  
22 registered." Then he wouldn't come in, and then  
23 he finally made a decision. You guys knows how it  
24 is.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion as  
2 to the violation?

3 MR. LUTHER: I would just like to  
4 advise the board that Mr. Remy has not been before  
5 the board --

6 MR. REMY: This is the first time  
7 in 35 years.

8 MR. LUTHER: -- since the business  
9 started with your dad, I guess. Also, if you  
10 notice on those sheets there is no license number  
11 issued to the two individuals, but they are in the  
12 system and they have been approved and they are --  
13 if you look in the screen, there's no number as of  
14 yet.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Talking about this  
16 here?

17 MR. LUTHER: Yes.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

19 MR. RILEY: Joe Pereira at this  
20 time is just waiting to take the test or waiting

21 to find out if he's eligible to take the test?

22 MR. REMY: That's the one I was  
23 talking about. He took it in the Health  
24 Department. They've got to find his paperwork or  
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1 get letters -- any way the board can help us, we'd  
2 be very grateful, to find a way to do it because  
3 he wants to take the test.

4 MR. RILEY: He's almost a  
5 journeyman, or he should be a journeyman, or could  
6 be a journeyman.

7 MR. REMY: He's actually more than  
8 a journeyman right now, the work he does.

9 MR. LUTHER: I didn't print out  
10 any apprentice card form in there, but he did  
11 serve a 5-year apprenticeship. We're just waiting  
12 for documentation of the individual that he was  
13 signed up under to make sure that he did complete  
14 the term of the apprentice.

15 MR. NEWMAN: So due to the  
16 divorce --

17 MR. LUTHER: We really can't tell  
18 what happened with that.

19 MR. REMY: He can't find  
20 paperwork.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: It's kind of a

22 separate issue. He's going to have to come up  
23 with the documentation; but as to the violation,  
24 do I have a motion?

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1 MR. HUTTON: Yes. I'll make a  
2 motion on the violation, that he's guilty on the  
3 violations 5-20-10 and 5-20-25, per Rhode Island  
4 General Law 5-20-33.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do I have a  
6 second on that?

7 MR. CHAMPAGNE: I'll make it a  
8 second on that.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?  
10 All those opposed. Let the record show that Mike  
11 Newman and Bill Riley voted nay, but the ayes  
12 still have it.

13 Do I hear discussion as to the fine;  
14 it's a thousand dollar fine?

15 MR. NEWMAN: We should reduce the  
16 fine for the gentleman -- that had the gentleman  
17 for five years. I don't know. We can have  
18 discussion on that, how much we should reduce it  
19 by.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other?

21 MR. HUTTON: Well, the other thing  
22 is there was no supervision there, right?

23 MR. REMY: I was there and I left  
24 when Pat came.

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1 MR. HUTTON: You weren't there.

2 MR. REMY: I'm on every job.

3 MR. LUTHER: Actually, when I got  
4 there, it was about 12:45, right after lunch.

5 These guys were in the building working and they  
6 said, "Brian was here all day. He's going to be  
7 back here. He just went to the shop to do  
8 something." That's what they advised me at the  
9 time, but he wasn't there when I saw them.

10 MR. REMY: No.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other  
12 discussion as to the fine?

13 MR. RILEY: I make a motion that  
14 we suspend it for one year, and if there's any  
15 violation within the next 12 months, that the  
16 fines be reinstated.

17 Mr. Remy is going through the process of  
18 getting the guys registered and he's made an  
19 effort to get Mr. Pereira able to take the  
20 journeyman's test. It's just that we don't want  
21 to have you come before the board again or the  
22 fines will be upheld.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: In total.

24 MR. RILEY: In total, the \$2000.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second  
2 to that?

3 MR. NEWMAN: I second it.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other  
5 discussion? All those in favor? All those  
6 opposed? The ayes have it. That's a  
7 recommendation to the director. And you'll be  
8 notified in the mail of her decision.

9 MR. REMY: Thank you very much.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: That concludes the  
11 hearings.

12 MR. LUTHER: Mr. Chairman, we do  
13 have the apprentice registrations on the back  
14 page. And they have, the ratios have been  
15 checked, all the guys and their companies have  
16 been asked to make sure that their licenses are  
17 current on the ratio sheets and we ask that the  
18 board approve the apprentices as written.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: I have a question.

20 MR. LUTHER: Yes.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: When an apprentice  
22 is no longer employed by -- well, the situation  
23 with the union is a little different, but with the  
24 non-union contractors, when they are no longer

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1 employed by that contractor, do they forfeit their  
2 license; how does that work?

3 MR. LUTHER: It doesn't matter  
4 whether it's union or nonunion. If the individual  
5 has an apprentice card that's valid and is laid  
6 off or terminated, the company is, by law,  
7 supposed to advise the Department of Labor that  
8 this individual is no longer currently working for  
9 them, and then their card would be suspended or  
10 revoked until they are either rehired or they  
11 switch companies. Once they switch companies, the  
12 apprentice card has to be issued to the individual  
13 from the new company.

14 MR. CHAMPAGNE: Is there a interim  
15 in that? In other words, it's 30 days, two weeks?

16 MR. LUTHER: As soon as they get  
17 terminated, their time stops.

18 MR. CHAMPAGNE: By the day?

19 MR. LUTHER: Yes, by the day,  
20 because they're not working.

21 MR. RILEY: But the question is  
22 if --

23 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm more concerned  
24 with the ratio sheet, how is that determined.

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1           **MR. RILEY:** Because the card is  
2 still good in effect, it's just that when  
3 so-and-so goes.

4           **MR. LUTHER:** Usually when I get a  
5 letter from the company, I send a letter to the  
6 individual that says, "Your card has been  
7 suspended as of the date of your termination."

8           **MR. RILEY:** Now he needs a new  
9 card if it's two weeks later that he goes to work  
10 for someone else? Or is it just that he lost that  
11 two-week window in OJT?

12           **MR. LUTHER:** Technically, by the  
13 letter of the law, the company has to make us  
14 aware that the person is no longer working at that  
15 particular time. Now, I get people that call, I  
16 check a ratio sheet and they got guys on it and I  
17 call them up and say, "You guys can't sign this  
18 new guy up because you have these guys." And they  
19 say, "He's not there. He left a year ago." How  
20 do we know? Unless they advise us, we don't  
21 really know until they try to sign a new guy up.

22           **MR. NEWMAN:** As far as fining  
23 would go, if you left one job, two weeks later you  
24 got hired by someone else, you thought you were

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1 legal because you have a current card, it just



2 didn't follow --

3           **MR. LUTHER:** The unindentured  
4 apprentice program has the company name on the  
5 card and the individual's name. So if you look at  
6 the card, say they're your apprentices, Bill, they  
7 say "Riley Plumbing" on it, so if I go to the job  
8 and a guy is working for Jeff Hutton Plumbing and  
9 it says Riley on it, he basically is not getting  
10 credit for that time technically.

11           **MR. RILEY:** He does need to get a  
12 new card.

13           **MR. LUTHER:** Every time they  
14 switch companies, they should get a new card.

15           **MR. CHAMPAGNE:** Is that in writing  
16 somewhere?

17           **MR. LUTHER:** In the laws.

18           **MR. HUTTON:** Maybe the contractors  
19 should be more aware of it. Say a guy comes  
20 from --

21           **MR. RILEY:** It'll be, "What the  
22 heck, I don't know." There's no school. You  
23 missed two weeks of on-the-job training, more or  
24 less.

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1           **MR. NEWMAN:** But you still keep on  
2 going --

3           **MR. HUTTON:** -- because you didn't  
4 turn him over.

5           **MR. RILEY:** So he has to  
6 reregister.

7           **MR. LUTHER:** Basically, it's the  
8 responsibility of the master plumber or company  
9 owner to keep track of the guys and let the  
10 Department of Labor know when people come and go.  
11 If they do that, fine. If they don't, the only  
12 way we know is if we do an investigation on the  
13 job and observe an individual working for a  
14 company that is not on their card as an  
15 apprentice.

16           A journeyman, they can do whatever they  
17 want because they're a licensed guy. They can  
18 switch companies. But when a journeyman leaves  
19 the company, they're supposed to let us know that  
20 they're short one licensed guy on their ratio  
21 sheet. So, do they do that? Probably not.

22           **THE CHAIRMAN:** So if they're not  
23 in an indentured program, then if you see them on  
24 a job where they have an apprentice card for a

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1 different company.

2           **MR. LUTHER:** I call the company  
3 and make sure that they change the card over and

4 they have to re-file paperwork and a new ratio  
5 sheet for the new company in order to make sure  
6 they're within their one-to-one ratio.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

8 MR. LUTHER: At the hall when the  
9 kid gets laid off, he goes back to the hall and  
10 they're keeping track of the book of his hours at  
11 the hall. So I don't know. I can't speak for  
12 Buddy's indentured program with how they record  
13 the lapses of work hours, job-by-job. That's  
14 something --

15 MR. RILEY: So if he's an  
16 apprentice, he can be at five or six different  
17 locations in unless a year. So every time he  
18 moves from one company to another, he gets a new  
19 apprentice license?

20 MR. LUTHER: He has to notify --  
21 the new company notifies Buddy Ekno, I believe.  
22 You'd have talk to Buddy on that because I don't  
23 know what the Apprenticeship Council rules on that  
24 are, but I'm pretty sure they're basically within

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1 the same guidelines.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Monthly reporting  
3 of all of the hours. It wouldn't matter if he  
4 works for different companies every day, but it

5 doesn't happen that way. But every month, they  
6 get a reporting of all his hours.

7 MR. LUTHER: I think, and correct  
8 me if I'm wrong, Mr. Chairman, that the indentured  
9 apprentice card would say "Local 51" on it.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not sure, but I  
11 think it does.

12 MR. LUTHER: And if you want to  
13 clarify that, I can ask Buddy to come in if he's  
14 here. I don't even know if he's here.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: That's all right  
16 with me. I just in general --

17 MR. LUTHER: For the next meeting,  
18 I'll provide that information to the board.

19 MR. RILEY: Did we make a motion  
20 to accept these?

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, no. We need a  
22 motion.

23 MR. RILEY: Make a motion to  
24 accept the apprentice registration.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a second?

2 MR. NEWMAN: Second.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?  
4 All those opposed? The ayes have it.

5 MR. LUTHER: I would like to

6 introduce Salvatore, and I can't pronounce his  
7 last name.

8 MR. CAIOZZO: Caiozzo.

9 MR. LUTHER: Sal, why don't you  
10 have a seat at the end of the table here. Sal is  
11 a licensed master plumber in Italy. So Sal has  
12 asked me to allow him to take the journeyman's  
13 exam here.

14 MR. CAIOZZO: Exactly.

15 MR. LUTHER: Now, gentlemen, in  
16 your packet, there is a little resume. Also,  
17 there are copies of documentation from Italy that  
18 I have not had translated. But I'm sure Sal can  
19 help us out with that. Why don't you tell us a  
20 little bit about what the licensing is like and  
21 the apprenticeship in Italy so that we can  
22 determine your --

23 MR. CAIOZZO: Basically you have  
24 to go through a professional course, a one-year

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1 course. And it's on the physics and mechanics of  
2 hydraulics.

3 MR. LUTHER: Full-time?

4 MR. CAIOZZO: Full-time.

5 MR. LUTHER: So it's a 40-hour  
6 week?

7           **MR. CAIOZZO: It's not actually 40**  
8 **hours because they have the siesta time and it's**  
9 **pretty cool, actually. You go from like 8:00 to**  
10 **1:00, and then you go back at 4:00 for a couple of**  
11 **more hours. It's not bad. But people live longer**  
12 **there, what can I say?**

13           **Basically, there was one year of going**  
14 **through that. It was also the basic studies of**  
15 **hydraulic pressures. Obviously over there,**  
16 **everything is done at atmospheric pressures and**  
17 **everything else, it's not done with PSI's, metric,**  
18 **but easy enough to convert.**

19           **At the end of that course, you had to**  
20 **basically design your own network, to turn it in,**  
21 **sort of like a thesis that you would do in**  
22 **college. My thing was I decided to do a town.**  
23 **For instance, I did a whole aqueduct, network of a**  
24 **town. That was basically it, you know, and then**  
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1 **tying onto houses and stuff.**

2           **And they look at it to see how well you**  
3 **did, how close to the codes you got and everything**  
4 **else. Obviously they're very strict on certain**  
5 **things. Another thing that I also learned way**  
6 **ahead of time was the fact of using the Pex tubing**  
7 **and all sorts of other PVC tubing, as well as**

8 polyethylene. They like to stay away from copper  
9 quite a bit out there. It was so many years ago.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: What year did you  
11 go through that school?

12 MR. CAIOZZO: 1987, '88, and '90.

13 MR. CARDARELLI: COIM, what do  
14 they do?

15 MR. CAIOZZO: They do plumbing, as  
16 well as other types of work, outside too, as well  
17 as industrial work.

18 MR. RILEY: Do you work here now?

19 MR. CAIOZZO: I am trying to. I  
20 am not doing it yet because I don't want to have  
21 any problems.

22 MR. RILEY: You're familiar with  
23 the way things are done?

24 MR. CAIOZZO: Most certainly.

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1 MR. RILEY: I assume it's similar  
2 in Italy?

3 MR. CAIOZZO: Yes, it is.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have some  
5 type of a license?

6 MR. CAIOZZO: That's it. Next  
7 page over.

8 MR. LUTHER: Sal, if I could ask a

9 question. These dates on the back of this are the  
10 date you got the license and the dates of renewal?

11 MR. CAIOZZO: No. This is  
12 basically the way they do things there, it's  
13 almost like a union book. That when you go --

14 MR. LUTHER: Why don't you start  
15 on the front page and explain?

16 MR. CAIOZZO: I don't have a back  
17 page on this one.

18 MR. RILEY: I don't either.

19 MR. LUTHER: I do. I guess I  
20 didn't go two-sided.

21 MR. CAIOZZO: Basically, the front  
22 page has my information of where I was born, in  
23 Massachusetts, United States. Date of birth, the  
24 place where I was which is a town in Sicily and  
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1 then I have my mechanic number which is 11389.  
2 Then underneath, principal qualification,  
3 hydraulic, which means plumber. And it's a  
4 class one. And then the code date was 16-02-03.

5 MR. LUTHER: So that's  
6 February 16th of '03?

7 MR. CAIOZZO: Yes.

8 MR. LUTHER: So this is when you  
9 got the license?



10 MR. CAIOZZO: That's when I got  
11 the license.

12 MR. LUTHER: In '03, okay.

13 MR. CAIOZZO: No.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Sal, it says on  
15 your resume --

16 MR. CAIOZZO: This is not '03.

17 MR. HUTTON: There's other dates  
18 here.

19 MR. CAIOZZO: I don't know what  
20 that code is.

21 MR. LUTHER: If you look on the  
22 back over here, there's all sorts of dates on the  
23 back that have like '90s.

24 MR. CARDARELLI: You have May of  
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1 '87 here, '87 to '90, 6/28/90.

2 MR. LUTHER: This must have been a  
3 renewal or something. The March 10th, you had  
4 them send this over?

5 MR. CAIOZZO: That's correct.

6 MR. LUTHER: That's the stamped on  
7 the bottom.

8 MR. RILEY: All you're requesting  
9 is a crack at the journeyman's test?

10 MR. CAIOZZO: Exactly.

11 MR. LUTHER: Based on experience.

12 MR. RILEY: You're going to have  
13 to still study this code and I would think that we  
14 would give you the benefit of the doubt that you  
15 have this experience in Italy for 12, 13 years or  
16 more.

17 MR. CAIOZZO: Exactly. And the  
18 reason why I'm back --

19 MR. LUTHER: Also, I just want to  
20 advise the board that Fred Shalenberg (Phonetic)  
21 who came before this board from Germany asked for  
22 the same consideration as Sal is here, and that  
23 the board did vote unanimously to allow him to  
24 test for a journeyman's license here.

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1 MR. CHAMPAGNE: Pending one thing,  
2 and not to cut you short, but part of that, I  
3 believe, that we asked him to fill in the hours.  
4 See the "skills" right here; soldering, brazing,  
5 welding, blah-blah blah, put an approximate amount  
6 of hours that he spent doing those particular work  
7 activities so that we have a precedent to compare  
8 it to, what we require our apprentices to do, so  
9 that there's a link in between. If it was fair  
10 for that other gentleman, then I think we should  
11 have him do the same thing.

12 MR. NEWMAN: He has dates from  
13 '87.

14 MR. CHAMPAGNE: So it would be  
15 only fair to get the same thing.

16 MR. RILEY: You worked as a master  
17 plumber in Italy?

18 MR. CAIOZZO: Yes, I did.

19 MR. RILEY: Operated your own  
20 business?

21 MR. CAIOZZO: Yes, I did.

22 MR. RILEY: For how many years?

23 MR. CAIOZZO: Basically what had  
24 happened, I kept coming back and forth to the  
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1 States. My son got cancer.

2 MR. RILEY: We saw.

3 MR. CAIOZZO: I had to go back and  
4 forth and everything else, try to make a living,  
5 try to do whatever else I do, Massachusetts  
6 General and what have you. That is basically what  
7 had happened.

8 As far as hours and everything else on  
9 this stuff, I can speculate, but I can't be honest  
10 and truly that is all we're asking, I think. I  
11 just want to be honest about that because I don't  
12 like to --

13 THE CHAIRMAN: So that we have  
14 something on record that shows the approximate  
15 amount of training hours so we have some  
16 correlation to our training hours that allows you  
17 to sit for the test.

18 MR. NEWMAN: Ours is a total of  
19 them.

20 MR. RILEY: 8,000 on the job.

21 MR. LUTHER: 576 school.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: More than the  
23 training hours.

24 MR. LUTHER: If he was going to

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1 school for a full year full-time, that's 2,000  
2 rather than the 576 hours required by us.

3 What I would suggest, Sal, for you to do  
4 is pending the approval of the board, maybe we  
5 could with that stipulation, is include this  
6 resume with your application if approved by the  
7 board and include the hours on the side of your  
8 skills section, basically breaking it down so that  
9 we have something for the file to adequately  
10 supply to the board upon request.

11 MR. CAIOZZO: Fine.

12 MR. RILEY: You can fill that in  
13 today. It's up to you.

14 MR. NEWMAN: Wait until he fills  
15 it in.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think  
17 that's necessary. Pat can check that if I have a  
18 motion to that effect.

19 MR. RILEY: I make a motion that  
20 we grant Sal, with the appropriate hours filled in  
21 for the skills, grant him the right to take the  
22 journeyman's test, meeting all the other criteria  
23 that we've discussed here.

24 MR. CARDARELLI: I'll second that.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Second. All those  
2 in favor? Those opposed? The ayes have it.

3 MR. LUTHER: For the record, Sal  
4 has been approved by the Board of Examiners to sit  
5 for a Rhode Island Journeyman's test, and  
6 including in his application a breakdown of his  
7 hours that is denoted under his resume skills  
8 section to accompany his application.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: That will come  
10 through you anyway, right?

11 MR. LUTHER: Yes, it will. So,  
12 Sal, if you want to hang around.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other business?

14 MR. HUTTON: I make a motion to

15 adjourn.

16 MR. NEWMAN: Second.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

18 Okay.

19 MR. LUTHER: We do some reviews at  
20 10:00. Mr. Hutton has said he'll stay. There's  
21 four reviews at 10:00. We're basically going to  
22 have all the reviews on the day of the meeting, so  
23 if by chance, I know Jeff says he'll stay, if any  
24 of you guys would like to mix it up a little bit

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1 in the future, I usually schedule them for 10:00.  
2 So if you could free up some time, just maybe do  
3 one at a time, get some of the other guys, if you  
4 possibly can. I know you're all busy.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. This meeting  
6 is adjourned.

7 (ADJOURNED AT 9:45 A.M.)

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