

**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 02920**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

In attendance: Leo Champagne

Jeffery Hutton

Michael Newman

Anthony Cardarelli

William Riley, Acting Chairperson

Anthony Cardarelli

**Also in attendance: E. Patrick Luther, Investigator, Benjamin Copple,
Investigator, Valentino Lombardi, Esquire**

Those not in attendance: Michael St. Martin, Chair

**Acting Chairperson, William Riley, called the meeting to order at 9:10
a.m. There was a Quorum.**

William Riley asked if the Board had reviewed the minutes from the

previous meeting. Leo Champagne made a motion to accept the minutes, Michael Newman seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

There was one (1) meeting scheduled for today.

1. Cabral Irrigation, Inc. /Jorge Cabral # 3301

Mr. Cabral did not call and he did not show up for today's meeting. E. Patrick Luther informed the Board that there was a hearing letter sent out certified and regular mail and E. Patrick Luther checked the tracking slip and found that the letter was delivered and the notice was left unclaimed.

E. Patrick Luther stated to the Board that a phone call would be made to Mr. Cabral, and a letter will be sent today, after today's Board meeting to Mr. Cabral for a hearing in February. Jeffery Hutton made a motion to have this continue for our February meeting, and if Mr. Cabral doesn't show up, we will listen to the testimony any way. Michael Newman seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

New Business;

Apprentice Registration for December 20, 2007 through January 15, 2008 was passed out to Board members. Anthony Cardarelli made a motion to approve the Apprentice Registration. Michael Newman seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

E. Patrick Luther brought a discussion to ask the Board if an apprentice that is an unemployed apprentice, who has his hours from this previous company and goes and works for another Master Plumbing Corporation, does the apprentice keep his hours he has accumulated with the previous Master Plumber, and can he sit for the Journeyman's examination without getting an education? The rules and regulations on page 10 were reviewed by the Board. Currently, there is no rule to get an education to become a plumbing apprentice.

Discussion was made by the Board to possibly make all plumbing apprentices indentured.

There was no further business before the Board.

Reviews were made after the Board meeting. Michael Newman made a motion to adjourn, Leo Champagne seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

The next meeting of the Plumbers Board will be February 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, Department of Labor and Training, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.

Respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, January 15, 2008.