

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
MECHANICAL BOARD**

1511 Pontiac Avenue

Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005

9:00 A.M.

In attendance: Bobby Joe Harris

Stanley Davies

Michael Carreiro

Chester Stewart

Kenneth Aurecchia

Frank Babbitt

Board members John Webster, Peter Lombardi, and Ronald Cronin are not in attendance for today's meeting.

Mr. Babbitt called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Mr. Babbitt then asked the board if they have had an opportunity to review the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Davies made a motion to accept the minutes

as recorded. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There are two (2) hearings scheduled for today. There is no board stenographer present today therefore these hearings will be rescheduled for the July meeting.

Mr. Wright informed the board of three letters he has received asking to address the board. The first letter is from Mr. Brian St. Arnauld who is present today to request permission to sit for the Pipefitter Journey 2 exam. Mr. Arnauld informed the board of his qualifications and work experience. He also presented a letter from his employer, Nite Oil Company, Inc., who he has been employed by for the past 8 years. Mr. Arnauld explained to the board that his employer was located in Massachusetts and has recently moved to Tiverton, RI. The State of Massachusetts does not require a licensed for this work, therefore he is requesting an opportunity to sit for the PJ2 exam based on his work experience in the field.

Mr. Whittaker asked Mr. St. Arnauld who the owner of his company was and Mr. Arnauld stated it was John Vasconcellos who is licensed in the State of Rhode Island. Mr. Carreiro then asked Mr. Arnauld if he held any licenses in the State of Rhode Island. Mr. Arnauld stated that he has an Oil burner license in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

With that, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to allow Mr. St. Arnauld to sit for the PJ2 exam. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next individual to address the board is Mr. Ian Montoya. Mr. Whittaker informed the board that Mr. Montoya is from New Mexico and is requesting permission to sit for the RJ2 and PJ2 exams.

Mr. Aurecchia asked Mr. Montoya whom he is currently working for. Mr. Montoya stated that he is currently working for Cold Masters.

With that, Mr. Davies made a motion to allow Mr. St. Montoya to sit for the RJ2 and PJ2 exams. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Mr. Aurecchia further stated that Mr. Montoya has been approved to sit for these exams based on the fact that he has done this work in a State that does not require a license and he does have schooling background in these areas.

The last individual requesting consideration from the board is Mr. Michael G. Watts. Mr. Watts is asking to sit for the RM2 exam. Mr. Watts received a diploma in HVAC in 1984. He has been working in the State of Massachusetts since 1984 and has recently opened his own company (J&M Heating & AC LLC) in Fall River. Again, there is no license required in the State of Massachusetts for this license.

Mr. Harris made a motion to allow Mr. Watts to sit for the RM2 exam.

Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next item up for discussion is with regard to some individuals who have been in the Oil heat industry for many years and do not have licenses. Mr. Lombardi of the Oil Heat Institute, along with Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Wright have looked into this situation in depth and have developed a solution to present to the board. The area of adequate schooling has been an issue with all concerned. With that in mind, a suggestion to require a 70-hour course to be given by NET has been entertained. Mr. Wright, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Lombardi will be meeting with officials from NET to discuss the content of the course. All three feel confident that this course will cover the areas needed to be refreshed for these individuals*.

*** Names of potential course recipients**

**Ronald Bezila Kenneth Barboza Christopher Messier
Steven Lavoie Raymond Wood Jr. Christopher Martin
Carmine Lanni Anthony D'Arezzo Joseph Gruslin
James Barboza Daniel Lamoureux**

Mr. Davies made a motion to accept the applications for the above referenced individuals upon completion of the 70-hour course. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

With no further business, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Mechanical Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room.