

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

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

In attendance:

Timothy Byrne

Stanley Davies, Chair

Robert J. Eva

Steven Gray

Michael Januairo

Jack King

Charles Wright

Board Members Dennis Brennan, Fred Foeri, Bobby Joe Harris and Quinlan T. Regan were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Nicholas Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator; John Shaw, Administrator; and Valentino Lombardi, DLT Legal Counsel.

1.) Call to Order: Stanley Davies called the meeting to order at

9:25am.

2.) Minutes of the January 7, 2015 Meeting: Charles Wright made a motion to accept the minutes of January 7, 2015 meeting as presented; seconded by Timothy Byrne and passed unanimously by the Board.

3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: Val Lombardi, DLT Legal Counsel, reminds board members that they are subject to the RI conflict of interest laws and of their responsibility to disclose conflicts of interest, financial or otherwise, and should recuse from hearing and voting on the matter. Legal Counsel is available for any questions.

4.) Violation Appeal Hearings: There were no appeal hearings.

5.) Old Business: Todd Varatta-Appeal to sit for Refrigeration Master 2 Exam: This matter was previously on the January agenda and was tabled to today's meeting. Nick Ranone provides board members with a recap. Mr. Varatta applied to sit for a Refrigeration Master 2 test. Mr. Ranone explained to Mr. Varatta that he had no prior

apprenticeship or schooling and did not allow him to sit for the test. Mr. Varatta is now appealing the board to take the Refrigeration Master 2 test.

Todd Varatta is present and addressed the Board.

There is discussion.

Regarding the request for Mr. Varatta to sit for the Rhode Island Refrigeration Master 2 license, Tim Byrne made a motion that the request be denied. The motion was seconded by Charles Wright. There is discussion. Tim Byrne repeats his motion. All were in favor.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director.

6.) Old Business - Review of proposed changes to Rules & Regulations and proposed licenses: Charles Wright informed the board that progress is being made.

**** Charles Wright made a motion to schedule David Raposa for the next meeting as he did not appear at his previously scheduled hearing. The motion was seconded by Tim Byrne. All were in favor.**

7.) Adjournment: Motion made by Charles Wright to adjourn seconded by Tim Byrne. There was no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:36am