**Examination Committee**

**Minutes**

 **MEETING DETAILS.**

**Facilitator:** Michael Joiner, Jake Causey

Guests: Ashley Tullier, Diana Cutrer, DJ Berger, Margarita Orsot

**Date:** 7/31/2024 **Time:** 10:07 AM

**Location:** 11304 Cloverland Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

**NEW BUSINESS**.

**Item #1**: Adopt the Examination Committee Agenda for July 31, 2024

 MOTION: JAKE CAUSEY

SECOND: MIKE JOINER

MOTION: CARRIED

**Item #2**: Residential Plumber Limited practical examination

 The Committee discussed that there is now a clear distinction between residential plumbers and commercial plumbers and that because the Residential plumbers (formally the Tradesman) could now install, repair and maintain plumbing work without the supervision of a journeyman but under the employ of a master, there was concern regarding the residential plumbers not having a rough-in project. The Committee discussed that the residential plumbers could take the current ABS and PVC rough-in exams for the time being until the journeyman practical could be reviewed and changed to better fit their scope of work. This would not be an additional cost to the Board as the Board already has the materials and exam to administer.

 PUBLIC COMMENT: Margarita Orsot

RECOMMENDATION: To recommend to the Board to approve the current ABS/PVC practical’s for the Residential Plumbers Limited License exam.

MOTION: JAKE CAUSEY

SECOND: MICHAEL JOINER

MOTION: CARRIED

**Item #3:** Isometric drawings to replace rough-in practical for Journeyman examination.

The Committee discussed that there were already Isometric drawings on the journeyman written exam and they should have another rough-in practical to replace the current ABS/PVC part of the practical. Jake Causey stated that not everyone would become a residential plumber and those who do not and apply to take the journeyman should have to complete a rough-in practical portion on the examination. The Committee further discussed the Texas State Board of Examiners exams and reaching out to them to find out what company they use who produces a scaled-down version on their practical rough-in examination.

**Item #4**: Review the potential of having both the Plumbing and Natural Gas written examination into one exam.

 The Committee discussed that the Board already has dual examinations for journeyman plumbers and natural gas fitters on one day. Because the regulatory laws are different, and the amount of OJT hours are different for each classification there was not a way to allow someone to take an examination for both plumbing and natural gas on one examination. However, they do now have the capability to take both examinations in one day if they so choose.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the Examination Committee Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana at 12:35 pm.

MOTION: JAKE CAUSEY

SECOND: MICHAEL JOINER

MOTION: CARRIED