**Meeting Minutes for**

**Regulatory Rule Change Committee Meeting**

**MEETING DETAILS.**

**Facilitator:** Carl Bourgeois – Chairman

Rickey Fabra, Michael Joiner, Vincent Giglio, III – Committee Members

**Date:** 2/6/2023 Time: 10:00 AM

**Location:** ZOOM

Topic: Regulatory Rule Change Committee

Time: 10:03 AM

MOTION: To add to the agenda the discussion of a waiting period between obtaining the journeyman and master license

MOTION: Vincent Giglio, III

SECOND: Michael Joiner

MOTION: Carried

**Item #1: Adopt Agenda**

MOTION: To adopt the 2/6/2023 Regulatory Rule Change Committee Agenda as amended.

MOTION: Rickey Fabra

SECOND: Vincent Giglio, III

MOTION: Carried

**Item #2: Boards and Commissions Appointment for Inspector**

Details: The Committee is aware that the Louisiana Department of Health is no longer the appointing authority over the plumbing inspectors and expect that the legislators will need to change the language to the authority of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council. Also the legislators will need to change Louisiana State Board of Health to the Louisiana Department of Health. The Committee has tasked the Executive Director to reach out to both entities. The Committee would anticipate the language to reflect the following.

B. The State Plumbing Board is created. The board, which shall be appointed by the governor, shall consist of one registered engineer, one plumbing inspector, three master plumbers, three journeyman plumbers, and one tradesman plumber. Each appointment shall be made from a list of three names for each appointment submitted by the following:

            (1) The registered engineer ~~and the plumbing inspector~~ by the ~~president of the Louisiana State Board of Health.~~ Louisiana Department of Health and who is also licensed by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana.

(2) The plumbing inspector by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and who is also licensed by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana.

~~(2)~~ (3) Master plumbers by the Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors or its successors.

~~(3)~~ (4) Journeymen plumbers by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association or its successor.

~~(4)~~ (5) The tradesman plumber by the executive director of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana.

            C. The board shall be a corporate body, may sue and be sued, and shall possess in addition to the powers herein granted, all the usual powers incident to corporation.

            D. All members shall be qualified electors of this state and licensed by the board except the first board members who shall be licensed within one year.

**Item #3**: **Insurance for Masters**

Details: The Committee is aware that based on cost of housing, that our trade is likely to see an increase in general liability insurance required to five hundred thousand dollars. Most Boards have already been mandated by statute and our trade is likely to see the same. The Committee anticipates the language to reflect the following:

**§1380.  Insurance requirements for master plumbers and master natural gas fitters**

A.  No master plumber or ~~restricted master plumber~~ master natural gas fitter license shall be issued, renewed, or revived until the applicant has provided proof acceptable to the board that insurance has been issued to the employing entity which is designated in accordance with R.S. 37:1367 by an insurer authorized to do business in this state.

B.  The employing entity shall maintain:

(1)  Workers' compensation insurance as required by law.

(2)  Motor vehicle bodily injury and property damage liability insurance in the minimum amount required by law.

(3)  Comprehensive general liability and property damage insurance in a minimum aggregate amount of ~~one hundred~~ five hundred thousand dollars~~, except on plumbing work done in parishes under thirty thousand persons in population on buildings, residences, or structures being no more than six thousand square feet of interior space, the minimum aggregate amount shall be fifty thousand dollars.~~

C.  The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a master plumber applying for and being issued an inactive master plumber license.

Acts 1991, No. 759, §1.

**Item #4**: **Waiting period between journeyman and master**

Details: The committee does not anticipate seeing any type of waiting period enacted between journeyman and master licenses this session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the Rule Change Committee of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana at 11:03am

MOTION: Michael Joiner

SECOND: Vincent Giglio, III

MOTION: Carried