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## State Plumbing Board

*Amended meeting agenda  
(Removing Agenda Item IV.A.)*

**Meeting date:** Thursday, June 16, 2022

**Time:** [9:30](#) a.m.

**In-person attendance:** Building Codes Division Salem office in Conference Room A

**Virtual connection and online streaming:** View the live meeting or access the connection information for the Zoom meeting at: [Oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/bcd-video.aspx](https://oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/bcd-video.aspx)

### I. Board business

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval of agenda and order of business
- D. Approval of the draft board meeting minutes of [April 21, 2022](#)
- E. Date of the next scheduled meeting: [Aug. 18, 2022](#)

### II. Public comment

The board will hear public testimony, including testimony from individuals who have signed up in advance.

### III. Reports and updates

- A. Board vote on consent orders for [cases proposed for resolution](#) as outlined in the enforcement board report (*Board action required*)
- B. Summary of enforcement [cases previously resolved](#) by the division as outlined in the enforcement board report (*No board action required*)
- C. Plumbing program update

### IV. Communications

*This Item is for the division to present advisory information to the board. The board will also review any letters or emails submitted by stakeholders.*

- ~~A. [Letter received from Ridgeline Plumbing](#) asking for Oregon licensing rules be reviewed for compatibility with other states~~ This item is being moved to the August 18, 2022, board meeting.
- ~~B. [Request received from Texas State Board](#) of Plumbing Examiners for Oregon to consider reciprocity~~

**V. Appeals**

There are no appeals for this meeting.

**VI. Unfinished business**

There is no unfinished business for this meeting.

**VII. New business**

- A. [Review and approval of committee recommendations](#) for new continuing education course and instructor applications
- B. Board [decide on the process and a model code](#) to use as a baseline for the 2023 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code

**VIII. Announcements**

This will be the first Hybrid meeting for the State Plumbing Board.

**IX. Adjournment**

Board meetings are adjourned by the Board Chair.

**State Plumbing Board  
Meeting minutes April 21, 2022**

- Members connected:** Matthew Rozzell, Vice-chair - Building official, Vice-chair  
Craig Anderson - Licensed plumbing contractor  
Corey Frazier - Registered professional mechanical engineer  
Molly Keller - Employee of the Oregon Health Authority  
Josef Lebold - Member of the general public
- Members absent:** Travis Argue, Chair- 10-year journeyman plumber  
Melissa Gitt - Local plumbing inspector with journeyman license
- Staff connected:** Todd Smith, manager, Policy and Technical Services (PTS)  
Andy Skinner, plumbing program chief, PTS  
Julia Hier, manager, Enforcement Services  
Ian Paik, policy analyst, PTS  
Teri Watson, senior policy advisor, PTS  
Andy Boulton, senior policy advisor, PTS  
Graham Roney, manager, Licensing Services  
Debi Barnes-Woods, board administrator/coordinator, PTS
- Public connected:** Jed Scheuerman, IAPMO  
Brad Senecaut, IAPMO Cascade Chapter  
Richard Anderson, Director

**I. Board business**

**A. Call to order**

Vice-chair Matthew Rozzell called the April 21, 2022, State Plumbing Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The division continues to take precautions for public meetings given concerns regarding COVID-19. As the pandemic out-breaks slow down, virtual meetings will continue to be streamed live through the division website as Hybrid meetings begin with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2022. The division's IT Section has been testing equipment to meet that date. A notice will be sent out to all board members and interested individuals as the date gets closer for the anticipated change.

**B. Roll call**

Chair Travis Argue and Melissa Gitt were both excused.

**C. Approval of agenda and order of business**

Vice-chair Rozzell ruled the April 21, 2022, agenda and order of business approved as submitted.

**D. Approval of the draft board meeting minutes**

Vice-chair Rozzell ruled the draft meeting minutes of Feb. 17, 2022, final.

**E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting:** June 16, 2022.

Manager of Policy and Technical Services (PTS) Todd Smith introduced the newest member of PTS, Policy Analyst Ian Paik.

**II. Public comment**

Policy Analyst Paik opened this Agenda Item up to hear any type of testimony or comments from the general public or to any individual wanting to speak on any subject that may not specifically be related to plumbing. No one had pre-registered or had offered to speak during the general Public Comment Item.

**III. Reports**

**Plumbing program update**

Andy Skinner, plumbing program chief, PTS, shared information with the board related to general updates:

Chief Skinner shared Medical-Gas Certification classes were held April 5 through April 7. Classes are scheduled as needed. If you are interested in obtaining a med-gas certification, please contact the [Inspector Training Program](#) or call 503-373-7974 to be added to a list for the next scheduled meeting date.

Watch the [division website](#) for Hybrid meeting information. The division is anticipating an effective date to begin Hybrid meetings May 1, 2022.

The 2023 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code adoption process will begin soon. Code adoption information will be presented at the next scheduled board meeting.

**IV. Communication - None**

**V. Appeals - None**

**VI. Unfinished business - None**

**VII. New business**

**Board review and approve committee recommendations on new continuing education course and instructor applications**

Andy Boulton, senior policy advisor, Policy and Technical Services, said that the committee reviewed 16 applications from four organizations. There were 12 courses recommended for approval and two courses were recommended for denial. One instructor was recommended for approval and one instructor was recommended for denial. Details are included in the matrix.

**Motion by member Anderson** to approve committee recommendations for approval or denial of courses and instructors.

*Aye:* Molly Keller; Melissa Gitt; Corey Frazier; Craig Anderson; and Chair  
Travis Argue.

*Nay:* None.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**IX. Announcements** - None

**X. Adjournment**

Chair Travis Argue adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and transcribed by Debi Barnes-Woods, boards  
administrator, coordinator

**State of Oregon**

**Board memo**

**Building Codes Division**

**June 16, 2022**

**To:** State Plumbing Board

**From:** Kathy Rowell, contested case representative, Enforcement Services

**Subject:** Consent orders for cases resolved on behalf of the Plumbing Board

**Action requested:**

To consider the adoption of recent consent orders and issue final orders.

**Background:**

The board, through division staff, implemented a civil penalty matrix for plumbing violations. The penalty matrix establishes civil penalties based upon the type and number of violations committed within five years of the date of the present violation. The penalty matrix further provides that a stay of some portion of a penalty is within the sole discretion of the board or the division acting on the board's behalf for purposes of settling cases prior to hearing.

The Enforcement Section, acting on behalf of the board, has entered into a consent agreement in three (3) cases since the board's April 21, 2022, meeting. A summary of the consent orders is included for your review.

Each consent order contains the following conditions, any additions or exceptions to these conditions is noted with the individual case information:

- Respondent agrees to fully cooperate with the division's enforcement efforts.
- Respondent understands that further enforcement action may be taken for any other violations.
- Respondent understands that failure to comply with the consent orders may be used as a basis for the denial, suspension, revocation, or conditioning of a license, certificate, or registration.

In these cases, the penalty amounts assessed, amounts suspended, and amounts due and payable are consistent with the board's penalty matrix.

**State Plumbing Board Consent Orders June 16, 2022**

<b>Case #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date of Violation</b>	<b>Civil Penalty</b>	<b>Other Comments</b>
C2021-0204	Martin Randall Wytcherley dba Randy Wytcherley Constructions Inc.	Installation of new drain pipes, bathroom sinks, toilet, fiberglass shower/tub, new water supply lines, and drain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●No plumbing contractor license</li> <li>●No journeyman plumbers license</li> <li>●No plumbing permit</li> </ul>	Grants Pass	June 2019 through October 2019	Assessed: \$6,000 Imposed: \$750 Stayed: \$5,250 This is a first time violator	Respondent agrees to fully cooperate with the Division's enforcement efforts in other cases that rely on the facts underlying this case.
C2020-0144	Rivercast Custom Remodeling LLC	Installation of a new bathroom consisting of new waterlines, toilet, and shower. Installation of new PEX hot and cold water supply and drain lines for a new shower, new drain pipe for a new toilet and new shower mixing valve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Allowing an unlicensed individual to perform plumbing work</li> <li>●No plumbing contractors license</li> <li>●No plumbing permit</li> </ul>	Portland	April 2020	Assessed: \$8,000* Imposed: \$3,000 Stayed: \$5,000 This is a first time violator	Respondent agrees to cease and desist from violating the State Building Code. Respondent agrees to fully cooperate with the Division's enforcement efforts in other cases that rely on the facts underlying this case.
C2020-0150	Rivera, Jose Ramiro	Installation of a new bathroom consisting of new waterlines, toilet, and shower. Installation of new PEX hot and cold water supply and drain lines for a new shower, new drain pipe for a new toilet and new shower mixing valve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●No journeyman plumbers license</li> </ul>	Portland	April 2020	Assessed: \$4,000* Imposed: \$1,500 Stayed: \$2,500 This is a first time violator	Respondent agrees to cease and desist from violating the State Building Code. Respondent agrees to fully cooperate with the Division's enforcement efforts in other cases that rely on the facts underlying this case.

\*Total penalties assessed for violations in more than one program

**State Plumbing Board Default Orders June 16, 2022**

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<b>Case #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date of Violation</b>	<b>Penalty Assessed</b>	<b>Penalty to Pay</b>	<b>Other Comments</b>
C2021-0111	Tip Top Plumbing	Applying glue to the ends of white plastic drain piping and installing a drain trap. ●Allowing an unlicensed individual to perform plumbing work	Salem	July 2021	\$2,000	\$2,000	Default Order
C2021-0112	Edwin Ost	Applying glue to the ends of white plastic drain piping and installing a drain trap. ●No journeyman plumbers license	Salem	July 2021	\$2,000	\$2,000	Default Order
C2021-0180	A&E Heating and Air, Inc.	Performed rough in plumbing at a residence. ●Allowing unlicensed individuals to perform plumbing work	Hood River	October 2021	\$2,000	\$2,000	Default Order

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**Agenda  
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Boards Coordinator Debi Barnes-Woods  
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Dear Coordinator Barnes-Woods,

My name is Lynn Latombe. I am the General Counsel of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE). I am writing on behalf of the TSBPE. In an effort to reduce regulatory barriers and promote plumbing as a rewarding career option, our agency is exploring journeyman license reciprocity with other states. We invite your agency to consider reciprocity with the TSBPE for journeyman license holders.

The fundamental mission of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners is to help protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring that our drinking water, air, and medical gases are free from contaminants. Our primary influence in fulfilling this mission is ensuring that individuals entrusted with a license issued by our Board and endowed with the inherent credibility it provides, are competent and exhibit the requisite fitness to perform plumbing work. A cornerstone in fulfilling the Board's mission is through outreach and education to promote the plumbing profession. License reciprocity can contribute to the profession by allowing qualified and successfully practicing professionals the opportunity to expand their practice with reduced regulatory burdens.

If your Board would be interested in working together to compare and review our respective standards for journeyman license qualifications, please contact me via email. We look forward to your response and wish you continued success in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Lynn Latombe  
General Counsel  
Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

**State of Oregon**

**Board memo**

**Building Codes Division**

**June 16, 2022**

**To:** State Plumbing Board

**From:** Ian Paik, policy analyst, Policy and Technical Services

**Subject:** Continuing Education Applications

**Action requested:**

State Plumbing Board consideration of the Continuing Education Committee's recommendations regarding continuing education courses and instructors.

**Background:**

The State Plumbing Board establishes continuing education requirements for all plumbing licensees in order to ensure licensees possess up-to-date knowledge of the code and administrative requirements. The board sets standards for approval of courses and instructors in order to have a sufficient number and variety of continuing education courses available to licensees.

The board's continuing education committee has been evaluating courses and instructors on the board's behalf. In May, the committee reviewed 8 applications from 4 organizations:

- 2 courses were recommended for approval.
- 2 courses were not recommended for approval
- 4 instructors were recommended for approval.

See attached summary for more information.

In addition to the Oregon Rule and Law criteria, the committee uses the following when reviewing applications:

- For correspondence courses – Provider must submit complete course and some method of verification that student has completed course.
- For online courses – Provider must submit a log-on or screen shots of course content.
- OSHA 10 and 30 courses are eligible for a maximum of 10 hours code-related credit.
- First Aid, CPR, AED, and OSHA related safety courses are eligible for a maximum of eight hours code-related credit.

**Options:**

- Approve the committee's recommendations for approval or denial of courses or instructors.
- Amend and approve the committee's recommendations for approval or denial of courses or instructors.
- Disapprove the committee's recommendations for approval or denial of courses or instructors.

**State Plumbing Board  
Committee on Continuing Education Course and Instructor Review  
June 16, 2022**

**Courses**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
1	Emergency Response Consultants	CPR, AED, and First Aid Training, 4 hours CR	Deny for the 2021 Code Cycle	
2	Hollabaugh Brothers and Associates	Uponor Pex Piping Installation, 2 hours CR	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	
3	MacDonald-Miller	Hydronics Part 1, 4 hours CR	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	
4	Backflow Management Inc.	Repair Basics for Backflow Assemblies, 16 hours CR	Deny for the 2021 Code Cycle	

**Instructors**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
1	Mike Witzel Hollabaugh Brothers and Associates	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	
2	Michelle Kruse Emergency Response Consultants	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	
3	Garret Yates Backflow Management Inc.	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	
4	Mckaylah Kuhns Backflow Management Inc.	Approve for the 2021 Code Cycle	

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**Board memo**

**Building Codes Division**

**June 16, 2022**

**To:** State Plumbing Board

**From:** Ian Paik, policy analyst, Policy and Technical Services

**Subject:** 2023 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC)

**Action requested:**

- Board determination of the appropriate model code to use as a baseline for the 2023 OPSC
- Board decision on whether to form a code review committee, and to solicit members of the committee if one is being formed
- Board determination on when to accept public proposals for the inclusion in the 2023 OPSC

**Background:**

ORS 455.020 requires that the division, with the approval of the State Plumbing Board, adopt standards for the installation, alteration, repair, relocation, and replacement of plumbing systems in commercial and residential buildings. These standards are adopted as the OPSC. The division is planning on adopting the 2023 OPSC with an effective date of October 1, 2023. The division, with the approval of the board, is starting the process of adoption.

The division proposes the following process steps for developing the 2023 OPSC:

- June 16, 2022, board meeting: The board announces the model code that will be used as the baseline for the 2023 OPSC.
- June 16, 2022, board meeting: The board announces that a code committee will be formed to create a proposed 2023 OPSC, and directs the division to solicit members for the code committee. Persons selected to serve on the committee will be announced at the board's October meeting.
- September 5, 2022 to September 18, 2022: Solicitation period for code committee members is open.
- September 12, 2022 to October 30, 2022: Public proposal period is open to receive submissions on proposed code changes.
- October 20, 2022, board meeting: Announce the members of the code committee and select a chair for the committee.

The scheduled meetings of the code committee will be determined based on the availability of the code committee members but the meetings will occur after the board meeting on October 20, 2022.

**Options:**

- Approve the division's proposed code adoption process steps.
- Amend and approve the division's proposed code adoption process steps.
- Disapprove the division's proposed code adoption process steps and provide guidance as to how the board wishes to proceed.