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**TO:** State Board of Plumbing Examiners  
**FROM:** Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Program Manager  
**DATE:** January 15, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes for the December 19, 2012 Open Meeting

**Attendance and Meeting Location**

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on December 19, 2012 at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Fairgrounds, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were in attendance:

**IDPH Staff**

Dr. David Culp, Deputy Director, Office of Health Protection  
Ken McCann, Division Chief, Environmental Health  
Justin DeWitt, Chief, General Engineering Section  
Frank Shimkus, Manager, Plumbing Program  
Jason Boltz, General Counsel  
Kevin Jacobs, Assistant General Counsel  
Janet Tucker, Office Associate  
Tiago Maia, Graduate Intern  
Irma Anaya Villa, Administrative Assistant

**Board Members**

Larry Allport  
Thomas Caliper  
Doug Dodson  
Jim Flemming  
John Gallagher  
Todd Sandberg  
Tim Strubhar  
Bill Weinoffer

**Welcome and Introductions**

McCann welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

### **Motions**

- Flemming made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Gallagher. Flemming made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Gallagher.

### **Agenda**

DeWitt explained the purpose and need for bylaws which the Department expected to have drafted and ready for review and approval by the next meeting.

Culp thanked everyone for attending the last meeting and for providing feedback at the plumbing exams he attended.

DeWitt presented the group with the new law for expedited licensing for military members and their spouses effective January 1, 2013. The new law requires licensing agencies to act quickly on any application from an applicant that meets the qualifications and issue a temporary license until a final decision is made for final approval of the applicant according to the qualification criteria. The purpose of the law is to facilitate military members starting work as soon as possible when they have to relocate. The Department sought the Board's feedback on implementing a process for determining eligibility and process for issuing a plumbing license. The language requires the Department to approve training and experience that is "substantially equivalent" to its requirements, so a decision will need to be made on whether a license from another state would be sufficient to qualify for admittance to the Illinois plumbing exam or what criteria must be met. The Plumbing Program will draft criteria used to determine 'substantial equivalent' and present to board.

Exam updates were discussed

- Possible discontinuation of lead project
- Modify drawing, include scale

**Break**            12:00 - 1:00

### **Agenda Cont'd**

6 meetings were conducted with apprentices and their sponsors who have failed the plumbing exam multiple times.

### **Motion**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandberg, seconded by Flemming.
- The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

**Meeting adjourned** 3:00 p.m.