

**SKILLED TRADES REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
HEARING ROOM
111 N. FRONT STREET
MARCH 20, 2019**

The Skilled Trades Review Board had a meeting at 111 N. Front Street at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019.**

The following duly appointed members were present:

Dennis Hartz
Jay Hill
Ralph Landers, Jr.

Tim Hoover
Bob Koncsul
Patty Spangler, Chairperson

Also present:

Jim Richardson, Board Secretary
Melanie Tobias, City Attorney
Levi Tkach, Attorney for Bath Fitter
Andrew Carmello, Bath Fitter

David Wolfe, PHCC Representative
Jason Norris, PHCC Representative
Jason Haught, Bath Fitter
Aaron Mehling, Bath Fitter

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by **Chairperson Patty Spangler**

The Board waived the reading of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

PENALTY DECISION FOR BATH FITTERS

At the November 14, 2018 meeting the Board heard a complaint filed by **Jim Richardson** against **Bath Fitter** regarding 700+ Permits that were not inspected. At that meeting they were found **GUILTY**, but the penalty decision was tabled to assess the progress and efforts being made.

Andrew Carmello, Aaron Mehling and **Jason Haught** were representing **Bath Fitter** and **Levi Tkach**, their attorney. They explained the steps they have taken and what they are presently doing to get this task accomplished. The steps they have taken to remedy the current situation is to first attempt two phone calls, if that doesn't work, they send a letter to the homeowner explaining the situation and why it is imperative that they get the inspection completed. They have completed 179 inspections so far. After much discussion and questions and the Boards review of the Remedial Action Plan that **Bath Fitter** has created and implemented and trained their employees to follow, the Board was very impressed by the efforts made by **Bath Fitter** and the policies in place to get these inspections completed and prevent this problem in the future. **Tim Hoover** made a motion that the Board **Take No Action** against Bath Fitter. **Dennis Hartz** seconded.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Norris was representing the **PHCC** organization in bringing forward a complaint regarding the City of Columbus allowing excavation contractors/sewer contractors to install a portion of the building drain. The State law regarding specialty trades contractors states that in order to perform the work of a specialty trade you must be licensed to do so. This is a separate license for which you must first be pre-qualified to take the exam. Excavation contractors/sewer contractors would not be able to be pre-qualified to take the exam, therefore, they could never take the exam, hence. They should not be allowed to perform the work. The building drain is *plumbing* by definition and should therefore be installed by a properly licensed plumbing contractor. The PHCC wants to know why the City of Columbus is allowing something clearly prohibited by State Law. Mr. Norris asked for a meeting with the **Chief Building Official, Inspection Supervisor** or the **Director. Jim Richardson** working to make this meeting happen.

LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

NO APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Landers** made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. **Mr. Hill** seconded.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Patty Spangler, Chairperson

Jim Richardson, Acting-Secretary