

City of Reading

Plumbing Board Minutes

April 8th, 2026

The meeting was held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant 899 Morgantown Road.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President William Gernert.

Board members present at the meeting:

William Gernert

Frank Forster

Donald Snyder

Chad Mauer

Barry Unger

Chip Fegely

Chad Spohn

Also Present: Chief Plumbing Inspector Jay Montgomery

Kyle Herbine: Liaison to the Reading Plumbing Apprentice committee

Old Business:

December 3, 2025, minutes were read and Chad Mauer made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Frank Forster.

There wasn't any other old business.

New business:

There were four reciprocal master plumbers that were approved to test for a master's license.

Anthony Varano

Carlos Gonzales

Craig L. Laubach

Edmund Goodfield

There was one reciprocal journeyman plumber that was approved to test for the journeyman's license.

Patrick Dougherty

There were nine apprentices that interviewed to be allowed to test for a journeyman's license.

Relinaldo Escobar

Tyler Thorum

Clayton D. Savage

Nathan Folk

Joseph Raab

Tony Ray Cruze

Evan Nord

These 7 were approved to take the exam.

Cameron Hunter: Needs to provide proof that the company that he worked for has a master plumber that he worked under for the four years he was an apprentice.

Gage Andreas: This candidate is under review. He worked under a master plumber that has a master's license in the city of Easton. It has been brought to the board's attention that the City of Easton's qualifications are less stringent than the City of Reading's and therefore does not meet the city code requirements to take the exam.

A motion was made by Chip Fegley to adjourn, and it was seconded by Chad Mauer.

Submitted by,
Chad Spohn,
Recording Secretary.