

**Indiana Plumbing Commission
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
402 W. Washington Street, Room W064
Indianapolis, IN 46204
January 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

<u>Commission Members</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Appointing Authority</u>
Joe Guztwiller	JP/PC Chair	02/03/2023	12/31/2026	Governor
Tony Brown	JP/PC	02/03/2023	12/31/2026	Governor
Phil Laux	Plumbing Contractor	02/03/2023	12/31/2026	Governor
John Van Cleve	Consumer Member Secretary	03/16/2001	12/31/2026	Governor
Kristian Griffith	JP/PC	11/01/2025	10/31/2029	Governor

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 9:04 A.M.**
Commission Members Present: Joe Guztwiller, Tony Brown, Phil Laux, John Van Cleve, Kris Griffith
Staff Present: Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Bradley Repass, Adam Harvey
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** Motion made by JVC and seconded by PL to adopt the agenda
Motion carries 5-0-0
3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** Motion made by TB and seconded by KG to adopt the minutes
Motion carries 5-0-0
4. **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
Report given by Ian Mathew

COURT REPORTER Margie Addington
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**
 - a. **Michael Cage Non Licensed**
Appeal Hearing 202411-PLU-0030
Mr Cage appears with counsel Eric Koch
Motion made by TB and seconded by PL to vacate the notice of proposed default
Motion carries 5-0-0
Motion made by TB and seconded by PL to deny the appeal
Motion carries 5-0-0
 - b. **Chad Culpepper JP21500012**
Administrative Hearing 202510-PLU-0024
RE Proposed Settlement Agreement
Ian Mathew appears on behalf of the state
Commission member Kris Griffith recuses himself
Motion made by JVC and seconded by TB to approve the proposed settlement agreement
Motion carries 4-1-0

- c. John Witte PC88900214**
Administrative Hearing 202510-PLU-0025
RE Proposed Settlement Agreement
Ian Mathew appears on behalf of the state
Commission member Kris Griffith recuses himself
Motion made by JVC and seconded by TB to approve the proposed settlement agreement
Motion carries 4-1-0
- d. Richard Jordan PC11300068**
Administrative Hearing 202510-PLU-0026
RE Proposed Settlement Agreement
Ian Mathew appears on behalf of the state
Commission member Kris Griffith recuses himself
Motion made by JVC and seconded by TB to approve the proposed settlement agreement
Motion carries 4-1-0
- e. Rusty Halbert PC19900001**
Reinstatement Hearing 2024-IPC-0005 CONTINUED
- f. Adam Rice PC11900004**
APR Plumbing Inc No License
Default Hearing 202503-PLU-0015
Timothy Fox appears on behalf of the state
Respondent does not appear
Motion made by TB and seconded by JVC to hold the respondent in default
Motion carries 5-0-0
Motion made by JVC and seconded by KG to approve the motion to cease and desist
Motion carries 5-0-0
- g. Gregorio Rodriguez JP20801957**
Administrative Hearing 202507-PLU-0015 CONTINUED

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- a. Louis Simanvich- JP by trade
Louis Simanvich appears
Motion made by TB and seconded by JVC to deny the application
Motion carries 5-0-0
- b. Nate Gray- PC by Business experience No Show
- c. Jeffrey Hodson- PA initial app PR
Jeffrey Hodson appears
He is currently on parole and probation until 2031
Motion made by PL and seconded by JVC to issue the license on probation
Motion carries 5-0-0

- d. Seth Beasley- PA initial app PR No Show

- e. Michael Miller- PA initial app PR
Michael Miller appears
Currently not on criminal probation
Motion made by JVC and seconded by KG to issue the license free and clear
Motion carries 5-0-0

- f. Michael O'Connor- PA initial app PR
Michael O'Connor appears
Motion made by JVC and seconded by PL to issue the license free and clear
Motion carries 5-0-0

- g. John Houle- PA initial app PR No Show

- h. Jonathan Perry- PA initial app PR
Jonathan Perry appears
He is currently on parole and will be discharged from parole in 30 days
Motion made by KG and seconded by PL to issue the license once he provides discharge papers from parole
Motion carries 5-0-0

- i. Christopher Becker- PC renewal PR
Christopher Becker appears
Motion made by KG and seconded by JVC to renew the license once he provides proof of release from probation
Motion carries 5-0-0

- j. Michael Teagardner- PC renewal PR
Michael Teagardner appears
Entered into a deferral program for DUI and will complete it June 2026
Motion made by JVC and seconded by KG to renew the license free and clear
Motion carries 5-0-0

- k. Michael Cook- PC renewal PR
Michael Cook appears
Currently on probation until April of 2026
Motion made by TB and seconded by KG to renew the license free and clear
Motion carries 5-0-0

- l. John Hetrick- JP renewal PR No Show

- m. Logan Mitchell- PC renewal PR No Show

- n. Wayne Smith- JP reinstatement 2013
Wayne Smith appears
Motion made by TB and seconded by PL to reinstate after completing 8 hours of continuing education
Motion carries 5-0-0

- o. Brandan Vincent- JP reinstatement 2019
Brandan Vincent appears
Motion made by PL and seconded by JVC to reinstate the license after completing 8 hours of continuing education in code
Motion carries 5-0-0

- p. Matthew Baker JP Renewal
Matthew Baker appears
Motion made by TB and seconded by KG to renew the license free and clear
Motion carries 5-0-0

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Elect Chair, secretary and Liaison for 2026

- Motion made by TB and seconded by PL to elect Joe Gutzwiller as chair
- Motion made by JVC and seconded by JG to elect Phil Laux as Secretary JVC/JG
- Motion made by JG and seconded by KG to elect Tony Brown as Liaison
- Motion carries 5-0-0

8. ADJOURNMENT 10:45 A.M.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:
March 25, 2026**