

May 14, 2026

The following people were in attendance:

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INVOCATION: JULIE RICHARD-SPENCER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Diana Cutrer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO ADOPT MAY 14, 2026, AGENDA.

MOTION: JAKE CAUSEY

SECOND: VINCENT GIGLIO III

MOTION: CARRIED

ENFORCEMENT

A.) Citation Appeal – Launey Beckham

Mr. Beckham was scheduled to appear before the Board for one (1) count of operating a plumbing company without a proper license, one (1) count of using unlicensed personnel, one (1) count of performing master plumbing work without a proper license, and one (1) count of advertising plumbing work without a proper license. Mr. Beckham has waived his right to a formal hearing and has agreed to pay the fine.

B.) Citation Appeal – Marlon Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was called before the Board for a formal hearing regarding one (1) count of a consumer complaint for performing master plumbing work without a license. Mr. Mitchell appeared and requested a continuance to the next Board meeting scheduled for August 20, 2026, citing an ongoing litigation process related to this matter.

PC: NONE

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION TO THE
NEXT BOARD MEETING AND REQUESTED THE
SPBLA INVESTIGATIVE OFFICER TO FURTHER
THE INVESTIGATION CONTACTING THE
PLUMBING COMPANY THAT PULLED THE
PERMITS FOR THIS MATTER OF COMPLETION
OF WORK PERFORMED IN THIS CASE**

MOTION: VICE-CHAIRMAN, VINCENT GIGLIO III

SECOND: RICKEY FABRA

MOTION: CARRIED

C.) Compliance Appearance Before the Board – Nathan Reed

Mr. Reed was called before the Board for compliance due to neglecting to resolve the case for one (1) count of advertising plumbing work without a license.

PC: NONE
MOTION: TO DEFER THIS MATTER TO THE LEGAL TEAM FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND TO INITIATE CONTACT VIA FORMAL CORRESPONDANCE
MOTION: WAYNE LEFLEUR
SECOND: JAKE CAUSEY
MOTION: CARRIED

D.) Compliance Appearance Before the Board – Benjie Bordelon

Mr. Bordelon was called before the Board for compliance due to neglect to resolve the case for one (1) count of advertising plumbing and one (1) count of performing plumbing work without a license.

PC: NONE
MOTION: TO DEFER THIS MATTER TO THE LEGAL TEAM FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND TO INITIATE CONTACT VIA FORMAL CORRESPONDANCE
MOTION: WAYNE LAFLEUR
SECOND: JONNIE MARCADE
MOTION: CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES

PC: NONE
MOTION: TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY 26, 2025, MINUTES AS RECORDED.
MOTION: RICKEY FABRA
SECOND: JOHNNY MARCADE
MOTION: CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

A.) Cash and Investment Position Overview--Secretary Treasurer Rickey Fabra
Mr. Fabra read the cash and investment position summary report into record.

B.) Quarterly Budget to Actual Financial Report –Secretary Treasurer Rickey Fabra
reported as of April 30, 2026, total expenditures are approximately \$936,047, representing 69% of the annual budget. Salaries and Benefits remain within budget expectations, while Travel and Supplies continue to exceed projections primarily due to operational needs associated with the Shreveport location and increased travel related to ongoing legislative matters. Supply-related expenditures

are expected to decrease as the Shreveport location nears completion. Total revenues collected to date are approximately \$1,264,016, representing 98% of projected annual revenues, with License Fees exceeding budget expectations. The Board currently reflects a positive net income position of approximately \$326,136; However, additional planned expenditures and required year-end OPEB adjustments may impact the final fiscal year position.

C.) **2025-2026 Amended Budget** - Secretary Treasurer Rickey Fabra reported the amended budget reflects updated projections based on actual revenues and expenditures through April 30, 2026, along with projected activity for the remaining months of May and June. The purpose of the amendment is to provide a more accurate reflection of the Board's current financial position and to ensure continued transparency and accountability in agency operations. The Board is projecting approximately \$37,000 more in means of financing than originally anticipated due to higher-than-expected fee collections. Program expenditures, however, are projected to be approximately \$216,000 less than originally budgeted. Most of these reductions are attributed to staffing changes involving enforcement officers, postponed major repairs, and other operational adjustments made throughout the fiscal year. While certain travel-related expenditure exceeded original projections due to legislative activity and operational needs associated with the Shreveport location, overall program expenditures remained below budget expectations. While some categories experienced decreases, certain areas increased due to operational needs. Professional services increased primarily due to expanded testing activity, examiner fees, custodial costs, and ongoing technology and database support services associated with online renewals and applications. The Board also notes that operating costs associated with maintaining two facilities contributed to increased supply and operational expenses during the fiscal year. Additional transparency measures have been incorporated into the amended budget process, including supporting reference pages and expenditure breakdowns to provide the Board and the public with a clearer understanding of budget adjustments and financial reporting.

D.) **2026-2027 Proposed Budget** — Secretary Treasurer Rickey Fabra reported the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget was developed using current operational data, historical expenditures, projected revenues, and anticipated legislative and operational impacts. The budget includes adjustments for additional staffing, enforcement operations, technology upgrades, and continued development of the North Louisiana office location. The Board anticipates increased operational costs related to staffing, benefits, insurance, travel, fuel, and other regulatory needs; however, the proposed budget remains approximately \$90,000 lower than the prior fiscal year's budget. The budget also includes planned system and software updates to support anticipated legislative requirements and expanded online services. Due to

ongoing legislation involving the Board, the proposed budget was prepared using prior year budget data and the current amended budget as the most reasonable projections available at this time. Administration recognizes that certain expenditure categories may ultimately exceed original budgeted amounts depending on legislative outcomes and operational demands throughout the fiscal year. Accordingly, future amended budgets may reflect increases above the original projections as operational needs become more clearly defined. At this time, the Board does not anticipate these potential variances resulting in audit findings, as expenditures will continue to be monitored, documented, and amended in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and standard budgeting practices.

PC: NONE
MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE CASH AND INVESTMENT POSITION OVERVIEW, THE QUARTERLY BUDGET TO ACTUAL, THE 2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET, AND THE 2026-2027 BUDGET AS READ
MOTION: JAKE CAUSEY
SECOND: JOHNNIE MARCADE
MOTION: CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director's Report —SPBLA Executive Director, Ms. Ashley Jones-Tullier, reported there continues to be a plethora of legislation this session that not only impacts the plumbing industry, but also has the potential to affect Board operations, retirement systems, civil service matters, staffing structure, internal policies and procedures, and overall agency administration, staff remains focused on monitoring those measures and evaluating any potential operational impacts to the agency moving forward. However, I would specifically like to discuss HB 953, as it remains the primary legislation directly affecting the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana and the regulation of the plumbing industry. The current posture of HB 953, as amended, places regulatory and licensing authority for plumbers back under the jurisdiction of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana. However, the most recent amendments continue to make significant changes involving license classifications, residential licensing provisions, reciprocity considerations, administrative authority, and the overall regulatory structure affecting the plumbing industry. The legislation remains scheduled for Senate floor consideration, and staff continue actively monitoring the bill and any additional amendments or changes that may impact Board operations, licensing processes, enforcement authority, examination requirements, fiscal planning, and industry oversight. Once the final legislative posture is determined, the Board and staff will be in a better position to move forward with long-term operational planning, administrative implementation, fiscal adjustments, and any necessary regulatory or procedural changes required to ensure compliance with enacted legislation. Additionally, as reflected during budget discussions, portions of the agency's current budget planning were developed based on

anticipated operational and regulatory changes under prior legislative proposals. Due to the evolving nature of pending legislation, staff anticipate that future budget amendments and operational adjustments may become necessary once final legislative action occurs. I wanted to ensure this matter was noted in the record so that any future amendments, reallocations, operational changes, or fiscal modifications can be addressed in accordance with all applicable state policies, procedures, and budgetary requirements moving forward. Staff will continue monitoring these matters closely, and this concludes my report.

OLD BUSINESS

A.) Exam Reports

1.) RESIDENTIAL LIMITED PLUMBER EXAMINATION & NATURAL GAS FITTER EXAMINATIONS.

- a.) March 7, 2026—Wayne LaFleur
- b.) March 21, 2026 – Ashley Jones-Tullier

2.) JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER

- a.) March 14, 2026—Johnnie Marcade
- b.) April 9, 2026 – Ashley Jones-Tullier
- c.) May 9, 2026—Mike Joiner

3.) MASTER PLUMBER EXAMINATIONS

- a.) March 31, 2026 – Ashley Jones-Tullier
- b.) April 4, 2026 – Mike Joiner
- c.) April 11, 2026 -- Ashley Jones-Tullier
- d.) April 29, 2026 – Ashley Jones-Tullier
- e.) May 13, 2026 – Ashley Jones-Tullier

4.) MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTER

- a.) February 28, 2026 – Terry Smith
- b.) April 18, 2026 – Johnnie Marcade

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Unclassified Personnel Merit Increase – Rickey Fabra – Action Item

PC:	NONE
MOTION:	TO APPROVE A 4% MERIT INCREASE FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
MOTION:	JAKE CAUSEY
SECOND:	JOHNNIE MARCADE
MOTION:	CARRIED

B.) Regulatory Rule Change Committee Reappointment of Members and Committee Chairman - Vincent Giglio III — Action Item

PC: NONE
MOTION: TO APPOINT MEMBERS MICHAEL JOINER, KEVIN BROWN, TERRY SMITH, JAKE CAUSEY AND VINCENT GIGLIO III, AND APPOINT VINCENT GIGLIO III AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE
MOTION: VICE-CHAIRMAN, VINCENT GIGLIO III
SECOND: RICKEY FABRA
MOTION: CARRIED

C.) Consideration of Authorizing the Regulatory Rule Change Committee to Review, Coordinate Legal Drafting, and Submit Proposed Rule Amendments to the Board – Vincent Giglio III - Action Item

PC: NONE
MOTION: FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER EMPOWERING THE REGULATORY RULE CHANGE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW, COORDINATE THE LEGAL DRAFTING PROCESS, AND SUBMIT PROPOSED RULES TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL RATIFICATION.
MOTION: VICE-CHAIRMAN, VINCENT GIGLIO III
SECOND: RICKEY FABRA
MOTION: CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

AUGUST 20, 2026 - Baton Rouge-Claiborne Building

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
MOTION: WAYNE LEFLEUR
SECOND: JAKE CAUSEY
MOTION: CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Smith, Chairman

Rickey Fabra, Secretary/ Treasurer