

## MINUTES

### UTAH PLUMBER'S LICENSING BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2009

Room 474 09:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

<b>CONVENED</b>	09:04 A.M.
<b>ADJOURNED</b>	09:59 A.M.
<b>BUREAU STAFF</b>	Thad Levar, <i>Deputy Director</i> Ross Ford, <i>Associate Director</i> Dennis Meservy, <i>Bureau Manager</i> Yvonne King, <i>Board Secretary</i> Dan S. Jones, <i>Bureau 4 Manager</i> Wayne Holman, <i>Chief Investigator</i> Armela Christiansen, <i>Licensing Technician</i> Susan Higgs, <i>Compliance</i>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	David Told, <i>Chair</i> Ed Gongaware David Halverson Gloria Miley Travis Dalley
<b>VISITORS</b>	Will Pierce, <i>Salt Lake Community College</i> Bob Bergman, <i>UMCA</i> Jeff Pedersen, <i>UPHCA</i> Trina Hansen, <i>Ogden/Weber Applied Tech College</i> John Hill, <i>RMGA</i>
<b>MINUTES</b>	Ed Gongaware made a motion to approve the April 2009 board meeting minutes as written. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>	Susan Higgs presented the list of probationers and stated that every probationary licensee is now in compliance. Higgs stated she is now working on the licensees that have just been put on probation.
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>	Wayne Holman stated Daniel T. Jones is now working with the Division of Corporations and would no longer be over the plumbing trade as an investigator.

Holman also mentioned that F. David Stanley resigned as Division Director and Mark Steinagel would be replacing him at the end of June. The interim Division Director would be Thad Levar, who is currently the Deputy Director for the Department of Commerce.

#### **NATURAL GAS TECH CERTIFICATION**

David Told presented to the board members, and later retrieved from them, a natural gas technician certification test that had been developed by the Home Builders Association (HBA). John Hill from the Rocky Mountain Gas Association (RMGA) stated he has been certifying natural gas technicians since the 1980's and was unwilling to submit his test unless he could look at the test from the HBA. The board indicated the test would be reviewed by the board members. The tests would not be given to RMGA or the HBA. It was noted that confidentiality would be paramount in the board's review of the tests for equivalency and would be done in a closed meeting. Hill stated he would like to know the origin of the HBA test and how they came up with the questions. It was indicated by the board that having as much disclosure as possible as far as the origin of the test is good policy and would be looked into as a follow up for the next board meeting.

#### **SCHOOLS/COMPETENCY TEST**

Competency exams were reviewed from Ogden/Weber Applied Tech College, Bridgerland Applied Tech College, and Davis Applied Tech College. The remaining school's exams will be reviewed next month. There was a question about how the transition between Mountainland Tech College (MATC) and Utah Valley University was going. Ross Ford stated it would be a little premature to contact Lori Stewart from MATC because the two schools were just finishing up the semester.

In conjunction with the discussion at the last board meeting there was discussion on how to establish a unified test and curriculum in the schools. In an effort to unify the competency exam, Will Pierce stated he was willing to share the competency exam from SLCC with the other schools. It was indicated that education through employers and on the job training with an involvement from industry would be a great tool. The board suggested having industry get with the employers and the board would visit the apprentices in the schools.

Dennis Meservy stated the number of apprentices was currently 1,412 and the number of apprentices that have held licenses from approximately 1983 to 2004 totaled 384.

**TEST SCORES/PSI**

Test scores from PSI were reviewed.

**DISCIPLINARY/APPLICATION REVIEW**

Disciplinary, out of state applications and applications with special concerns reviewed.

**All business concluded meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

(ss) David Told \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 9, 2009  
David Told, Board Chair

(ss) Dennis Meservy \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 9, 2009  
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager