

MINUTES

UTAH PLUMBER'S LICENSING BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2009

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

CONVENED	08:56 A.M.
ADJOURNED	12:50 P.M.
BUREAU STAFF	Mark Steinagel, <i>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> Ronda Trujillo, <i>Compliance</i> Ray Walker, <i>Reg/Comp Officer</i>
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	David Told, <i>Chair</i> Ed Gongaware Travis Dalley Sean Conlon
BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED	David Halverson
VISITORS	Brent Halladay, <i>Office of State Fire Marshal</i> Trina Hansen, <i>Ogden/ Weber Applied Tech College</i> Doug Leon, <i>Davis Applied Tech College</i> Stanley Miller Tim Miller Jeff Pedersen, <i>Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors Assoc</i>
OATH OF OFFICE	Sean Conlon was sworn in as a new board member by Dennis Meservy.
MINUTES	Ed Gongaware made a motion to approve the June 2009 board meeting minutes as written. Travis Dalley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
CHAIR NOMINATIONS	Gongaware made a motion to retain David Told as the board chair. Dalley seconded the motion all members voted in favor.

COMPLIANCE

Ronda Trujillo passed out a chart of all probationers and stated all were in compliance.

FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Brent Halladay from the Office of the State Fire Marshal came before the board with the concern that there was not enough training by plumbers for the installation of residential sprinkler fire suppression systems. Meservy indicated the master plumber written exams were up for review this fall and this would be an opportunity to include in the exams fire suppression test questions. Later, when the journeyman exams came up for review fire suppression test questions could be added to them as well. Doug Leon indicated the apprentice schools were presently in the process of reviewing curriculum and this would be a good time to add fire suppression systems to the curriculum. There also was discussion about changing the work experience tables in the administrative rules to include fire suppression systems. This will be an agenda item for next month.

INVESTIGATIONS

Wayne Holman stated investigation has been very busy. When the economy is down there are more complaints.

GAS CERTIFICATION

The board had been asked by the Construction Services Commission to determine if the Home Builders Association (HBA) natural gas certification test and the Rocky Mountain Gas Association (RMGA) natural gas certification test were equivalent. This evaluation was done by the board in their last board meeting. It was indicated by the board that Dan S. Jones, the Bureau Manager over the Construction Services Commission, had notified the HBA by letter that it had been determined their natural gas certification test was not equivalent to the RMGA natural gas certification test.

SCHOOLS AND TESTING

Trina Hansen, in the last board meeting, suggested allowing students to test right after they completed their apprenticeship education instead of having to wait until completion of their work experience requirement. Meservy indicated PSI, the Division testing provider, was not presently in favor of doing the prior approval for the students. They wanted consistency in the way they handled testing. Mark Steinagel said he would look into the matter.

The schools wanted to know if PSI used another information source for the state journeyman test. Meservy said he contacted PSI and was told no. All the test reference material used in the exam was listed in the PSI Candidate Information Bulletin.

The testing reports from PSI were reviewed and a request made for yearly reports at the next board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Meservy submitted the proposed administrative rule that added the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees as an approval body for instruction. Dalley made a motion to additionally include the language for a similar out of state body. Conlon seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

INTERNATION CODE COUNCIL

Jeff Pederson came before the board. He had been in contact with ICC (International Code Council). If Utah accepted the ICC plumbing test as an equivalent other jurisdictions would accept the Utah plumbing license. According to the board, more information was needed. These other jurisdictions would most likely expect reciprocal licensing from Utah. The board previously spent a lot of time in an effort to obtain reciprocal or endorsement licensing with other states. The board found problems with the test and/or other licensing requirements not being equal.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Out of state applications and applications with special concerns were 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) Ed Gongaware _____ Date: August 5, 2009
Ed Gongaware, Acting Board Chair

(ss) Dennis Meservy _____ Date: August 5, 2009
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager