

Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board Meeting

Labor & Industries

May 19, 2022

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

L&I Point Plaza East – Room PPE 111 & Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present: Joan Brown- Chair, Don Carlson, Michael Lubliner, Chris Tyler, Jim Farley, Gary Stoskopf,

Absent: Kevin McShane

L&I Staff: Dale Partin, Barbara Skiles, Alicia Curry, John McMillan, Matthew Erlich, Ken Knutson, Chris Rarig, Shanelle Vekich, Charles Parton,

Public: Lori Johnson, Lance Clark, Arkadiy T, Greg Johnson

PROCEDURAL:

- Meeting called to order by Joan Brown at 10:06am
- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes- approved

PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Program update and staffing:
 - Two open full time Plans Examiner position, five full time Examiners on staff.
 - Recruiting
 - Inspectors
 - One open position, working with talent management to extend the recruitment. We have 15 positions allocated.
- Workloads and backlog:
 - FBS – 4-6 wks
 - MH – 1 wk
 - RPT – 4-6 wks
 - CC – 4-6 wks
 - Vendors – 20+ weeks
 - Two temporary Plans Examiners working on Vendor plans.
 - RV – Making some gain, went from 20+ weeks to 8-10 weeks.
- Out of State inspections
 - RV audits
 - Currently have 3 inspectors in the field doing RV audits. Oregon RV audits are being set up now.
 - Once there's an approved audit the factories can order insignia for their units.
 - Out of state builders
 - Constantly sending inspectors to out of state builders for inspections, these builders are not part of a reciprocal agreement. Most Inspectors are EL01's

being sent due to the buildings being inspected, we have four EL01's in the program. We don't have a backlog of inspections.

- Joan Brown – At the last board meeting backlog was at something like 22 weeks, that's a remarkable turnaround. Is there still a discussion about your role in RV?
 - Dale – This is an ongoing discussion, our hope is to put something together that works for everyone. RVIA would pretty much like to take it over, we're not there yet. There's a lot of value the program brings.
 - Chris Rarig – The fact that we're out there doing audits now should help our discussion with RVIA.
 - Joan – The concern that was previously discussed was we are only one of the two requiring plan review.
 - Matthew Erlich – Would there have to be RCW or WAC changes or is getting out of the RV industry a policy issue?
 - Chris Rarig – There would need to be WAC/RCW changes.
- Chris Rarig- New Manufactured home facility getting started in Ferndale for 360 Modular. They have an agreement with HUD to build products.

RULES & LEGISLATION:

- Emergency Rules for Licensed Professional plan review
 - Good for 120 days, set to expire in April 2022. We filed a second CR-103 to renew the emergency rule. They are in place for another 120 days and are set to expire August 17, 2022. Still in the process of evaluating the emergency rules, no decision has been made to determine if permanent rulemaking will take place.
 - Lori Johnson – On the website it states the expiration date of August 17th, can 2022 be added to the website?
- Fee increase
 - At the last board meeting we were looking at a possible 17% fee increase. The program budget is in a better place than what we had projected, we are now looking at a growth factor fee increase of 5.86%. CR-101 was filed in April, public comment period will be in June and public hearing on July 27, 2022 at 9am. If adopted they're expected to take effect November 1, 2022.
- Agency request legislation
 - Two proposals we would like to have considered for the 2023 session, these are the same proposals as the previous two years.
 - We would like to expand the advisory board to add two positions, one food truck and the second position to be an "at large".
 - Cleanup of RCW 43.22A - updates, removing obsolete terminology, cleanup of the statute.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Board Membership
 - We have one vacancy, Building Official.
- Hybrid structure (in person/remote)
 - Works really well remotely.

- Lori Johnson –
 - Has there been any communication with the State Health dept. in relationship to the food code requirement for an indirect drain for three compartment sinks?
 - Ken Knutson – Yes, the code is any food preparatory sink requires an indirect drain.
 - John McMillan – Chapter 8 of the uniform plumbing code talks about venting.
 - Does FAS have water heater size guidance for Vendor units?
 - Ken Knutson – no
 - Has FAS had a chance to address lithium battery installation approvals?
 - Ken Knutson – I haven't heard of any and haven't seen any come in.
 - Are vendors who have inquired about using the third party professional for plan review approval then been taken out of the queue?
 - Barb Skiles – Once they notify us they're taking their plan to a third party plan reviewer we would void their plan and remove it from the line queue.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am

Joan Brown, Chair

Dale Partin, Secretary to the Board