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## ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025

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Meagan Edwards, FSPS Management Analyst  
Carissa Rodriguez, FSPS Division Project Manager

### Guests

Sarah Keck, Kurt Cushman

### Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025 are approved

### Fresh Look Reconsideration

Project launched in April of 2024 for 6 months to provide a path for trainees to appeal hours without having to go to the court system. Independent review from the program. After 6 months the project was extended for another 6 months to March of 2025. At the end of March the decision was made to end the project – only 3 were plumber appeals, only 1 was overturned the other two were upheld. We will come back to the program for the reviews starting April of 2025.

## **Legislation/Rule Update**

Second substitute House bill 1534 Passed in 2023 and rule were adopted in 2023 & 2024 that are a part of Bill 1534. They have already updated bonds for Contractor Compliance and creating a homeowner recovery program up to \$25,000. We will adopt the rules to administer by 2026 – Looking to file on May 6, 2025. Updating on the contractor laws and rules page.

Out of the RCW 18.27 contractor law – will not affect 18.106. CR-101 File in May 2025 and we will send a notification to the public. CR-102 Proposed rules – Plumbing hearing. CR-103, Adopt the rules with file language. This information will be posted on the Contractor registration Laws and Rules page. Requiring companies to submit online insurance for Plumbing Contractor and Contractor Registration – Beginning CR101- April 22, 2025.

- CR101 – In September of 2025 – Public Hearing is in October – Rules in effect January 15, 2026 for Plumbing Contractor and Construction Contractor.

## **Plumbing Program Activity Overview**

The program has Whitney, with the help of Kelsey from Contractor Compliance Processing Affidavits. 9 weeks backlog on Affidavits, currently if someone has submitted an Affidavit that will allow testing the program will process it as soon as possible.

- Staffing update - Customer Service Specialist 2 vacancy for over a year, we will be moving forward with hiring before July 1, 2025

## **Exam update to 2021 UPC status**

Work group to update the exam – With more discussions needed, we will look at options available to find volunteer that would want to run a work group or sub-group to identify changes needed. We are open to possibly having a bank of questions that can be rotated out for CPU, currently we have 100 questions and want to change to 200.

NASCLA – Looking to see if they could create an exam or if we would consider it a national exam.

## **Infraction Process guardrails**

Confusion in the industry regarding infractions. The inspector must lay eyes on the person performing the work for an infraction to be issued. We would visit the jobsite – If they are not certified we would issue a violation. We will not move down a path if they are not on the jobsite. Consumer complains with proper documentation we will issue violations if needed. Nothing in the plumbing law states that the inspector must identify themselves on a job site. However, it is a department policy to identify yourself.

## **Remaining Open Board Seats (4)**

### Open Board Seats

- Public member - Open
  - 2 Specialty Plumber – Open
  - Plumbing business - Open
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- Revamp the Board meeting website – To make it bigger
  - We will send out a notice via GOV Delivery for all open seats. For current expiring members they must re-apply again, with application and resume.

## **IAPMO**

- Technical committee meeting 6- 9 in Los Angeles, California
- June 19 and 20 at IAPMO in Ontario, Canada
- WA 2024 UPC available in Spanish.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 AM**