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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 --ooOoo--

4 MR. TODD ALLRED: Welcome, everybody, to the Q4
5 Plumbing Advisory Board Meeting located in Spokane.
6 This is our first one over here, I think, so it's good
7 to see some other local plumbers showing up.

8 Let's go around the room and make some
9 introductions. My name is Todd Allred. I'm the Chair
10 of the Board. And we'll just go this way.

11 MR. RYAN MCMAHAN: Ryan McMahan, plumber.

12 MR. BRAD MOORE: Brad Moore, plumber.

13 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: Scott Fowler, specialty
14 contractor.

15 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Antonio Cruz, journeyman
16 plumber.

17 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Jed Scheuermann, IAPMO
18 Group.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Melissa McBride, contractor
20 compliance.

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: Thank you. And maybe we could
22 go around the room starting in the corner over here.

23 MR. MIKE HARRIS: Mike Harris, journeyman
24 plumber.

25 MR. JASON SWITZER: Jason Switzer, journeyman



1 plumber.

2 MR. CHRIS ALLEN: Chris Allen, journeyman
3 plumber, GM of Bulldog Rooter.

4 MR. SHAWN THORNBURG: Shawn Thornburg, journeyman
5 plumber.

6 MR. JASON LEE: Jason Lee (indiscernible).

7 MS. ANGELA ZURLINI: Angela Zurlini from the
8 Office of the Attorney General.

9 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Bruce Springer, technical
10 specialist, L&I.

11 MS. ALISHA HOLMES: Alisha Holmes, with plumbers
12 certification, Program Specialist 2.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Tamara Nassar, I'm the court
14 reporter.

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. Thank you for
16 showing up everybody. Thank you for attending.
17 Welcome.

18 We'll move to our first order of business and
19 that's the approval for our July minutes.

20 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: Motion so made.

21 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Second.

22 MR. TODD ALLRED: Any discussion? Move to a
23 vote. All in favor?

24 (Collective.) "Aye"

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: All opposed? Abstentions?



1 (No audible response.)

2 MR. TODD ALLRED: The motion carries. Thank you.

3 By the way, this is quite the set of minutes here
4 that you guys provide us, thank you, now that we're
5 using a court reporter.

6 Melissa, you have the next item planning program
7 activity.

8 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Okay. So I have a printout
9 somewhere.

10 Alisha, do we have the extra ones out on these?

11 MS. ALISHA HOLMES: I believe I have -- I have
12 them somewhere.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Okay. So this is just a
14 snapshot of the activity that's gone on over the last
15 quarter. We've got some extras that I think we'll put
16 on a few of the tables.

17 So looking at the compliance checks, those are
18 construction contractor compliance inspectors who go out
19 and visit job sites. So we're starting the monthly --
20 or I'm sorry, the quarterly snapshot, plus also doing a
21 trend, so you can see what's happening through the
22 months.

23 So it looks like -- and these are just the
24 plumbing checks only. And so for the last quarter they
25 checked 132 plumber certifications with 111 plumber



1 trainees were checked. Issued: And this next column is
2 talking about the plumbing infractions issued. Those
3 infractions issued are not necessarily relevant to the
4 number of checks. They were just also plumbing
5 infractions that were issued by all of compliance
6 inspectors, electrical issues. Some construction
7 compliance inspectors do both plumbing and contractor.

8 So it looks like there were 220 issued the last
9 quarter. And then I did the status. I don't know how
10 your eyes are on this sheet, but mine aren't working too
11 well. So it looks like --

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: It says "closed, paid in full."

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, what number is that?

14 MR. TODD ALLRED: 80.

15 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: You can read that?

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: Because I have glasses.

17 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Oh, my gosh. Apparently, I
18 need them. So there's been 80 closed and paid in full.
19 What's that first number? Does that say 13?

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: 49.

21 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Oh my gosh. I'm so sorry.
22 My eyes. 49 of those are still in pending first letter,
23 so they're still within their appeal period. So we
24 don't know, they're not final at this time.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: But they are included over here



1 in this, correct?

2 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No, so these aren't
3 relevant. This is just how many plumbing companies they
4 checked on job sites, went up and checked.

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

6 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: So, you know, 80 percent of
7 them could have been in compliance, or maybe this is an
8 infraction from, you know, a couple of months before, so
9 they don't line up. It's just a snapshot of each action
10 that happened within that order.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah. And in looking at
13 the number of plumbers, the certified plumbers, again,
14 this is a snapshot. So it's how many were active in the
15 system the moment I checked the number, so there's 6725.
16 Which, looking at the same timeframe, that's an
17 11 percent increase since actually January of 2022.

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's great.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Certified plumber
20 trainees --

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's good, right?

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, 5598, also an
23 11 percent increase since January of 2022. And then
24 licensed plumbing contractors, we're going to see 133
25 percent increase but that's because the plumbing



1 contractor license was fairly new, so everybody is
2 coming into that. So we currently have 1745 active
3 licensed plumbing contractors.

4 If this is helpful and you like it, I'll make it
5 bigger next time.

6 MR. TODD ALLRED: It is helpful.

7 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And I will have the numbers
8 darker. I mean, you can see them, but I'll make it so I
9 can see them.

10 UNKNOWN BOARD MEMBER: Just real quick question
11 under the number of certified plumbers, is that strictly
12 PLOs or is that all different classifications?

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: All different
14 classifications.

15 UNKNOWN BOARD MEMBER: Is there a way that on the
16 next one we can have that broken out for each one?

17 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes. I can't access that
18 myself, but I have a staff member who is amazing and she
19 can pull the computer numbers for that.

20 UNKNOWN BOARD MEMBER: Awesome.

21 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: I can only get the big
22 picture.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's great request.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I ask a question as well.
25 For the number of licensed plumbing contractors, does



1 that 1745 represent plumbing contractors that have a
2 specialty license attached to that license as well?

3 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No. So it's plumbing
4 contractor only. Only plumbing contractors that are
5 active. So if one was expired or suspended or not yet
6 processed they're not included in this number as well.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

8 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And then I do believe you
9 have the detailed infraction report as well that -- the
10 one that you're used to seeing that's line by line.

11 This one, I know we've talked about in the past
12 about what the actual violation was, like under
13 18.106.020, it could be multiple different things. And
14 I just -- I can't get it broken down that way.

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: Oh, you can't.

16 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No. Because of the way the
17 computer system is coded. If there's subsections, I can
18 break it down more. But if it's just, you can use, that
19 same statute will cover multiple violations. So when
20 it's selected it's just grouping it in there.

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: You do have two different ones
22 here. You have 18.106.020 and then 18.106.400(1)RCW.

23 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah. So 400 is plumbing
24 contractor?

25 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yep.



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And then 020 is
2 supervision, dispatching, like, everything else is, kind
3 of, under 020, correct?

4 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Correct. It also could be
5 an 1827 contractor that's hired a plumber. A contractor
6 that's hired somebody that's not certified, not a
7 licensed plumbing contractor.

8 MR. TODD ALLRED: Oh.

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah.

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: You're holding them accountable
11 as well?

12 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yep.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: We enforce the statute as
14 written for all.

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: The information is not hard to
16 find. If anybody needs to know where to find that, you
17 can go to [lni.wa .org](http://lni.wa.org).

18 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Gov.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: Gov, ".gov." And go to trades
20 and licenses. You can use their verify tool and you can
21 check by name, license number, contractor number.

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yep. Make sure they're
23 active.

24 MR. TODD ALLRED: Any questions on her report
25 here?



1 (No audible response.)

2 Do we have a total for numbers?

3 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes.

4 MR. TODD ALLRED: Is that in the next section?

5 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No. It's right here, the
6 220.

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: No, I mean, money. The money
8 that sits in the plumber fund.

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: The budget? Are you
10 talking about our budget?

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: We have a budget?

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Is that what you're talking
13 about or are you talking about the money assessed or
14 collected on infractions?

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: Right. I'm talking about the
16 money assessed on the infractions.

17 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: I do have that, but not
18 with me. But I can provide that if there's something
19 that you're -- well, actually look at the last page
20 here. It might actually tell you on the last page of
21 this. So 97,700 is the total penalty amount that's
22 issued on those infractions.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: In that quarter?

24 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: So \$97,700 worth of infractions



1 were issued in Q3?

2 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Correct. Well, Q1.

3 MR. TODD ALLRED: Oh, this is Q1?

4 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Well, we just started 2, so
5 all of this data is on Quarter 1.

6 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's Quarter 3.

7 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No, that's quarter -- we
8 do --

9 MR. TODD ALLRED: Fiscal?

10 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: The State. The State is
11 different. The State's fiscal year starts on July 1.

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: So July 1 through
14 September 30th is Quarter 1.

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. So I'll wait to see
16 what the -- if in the budget report that you're going to
17 give us, if that includes the running total of what's in
18 the plumber fund. I'm assuming that's part of the
19 budget?

20 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: What is collected is, yes,
21 in there, correct.

22 But did you want to move to the next topic?

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: Sure.

24 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Okay.

25 MR. BRAD MOORE: Can I ask a question real quick?



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yes.

2 MR. BRAD MOORE: So I'm just noticing on here,
3 are you finding that more of the people that are given
4 infractions are handyman services and things like that?
5 I mean, it seems like we're seeing less and less
6 plumbers on here and more remodel, handyman.

7 Is that a fair assessment? Some of them are just
8 names, so it's hard to tell.

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, I would actually have
10 to go in and, kind of, spot check and read the inspector
11 statements to see exactly what was going on. I do see a
12 lot of companies here. Whether they were plumbing,
13 well, anything with the name, right, with the business
14 name, is going to be a plumbing contractor or acting as
15 a plumbing contractor without being properly licensed.
16 But I can, kind of, take a look and see if I could find
17 any trends within the statements.

18 MR. BRAD MOORE: Thank you.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Uh-huh.

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's a great observation
21 Brad. I'm not seeing too many plumbing contractors.

22 MR. BRAD MOORE: It just seems like there's less
23 and less of them. And more handyman, remodel,
24 construction.

25 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: What -- okay, so you're not



1 seeing plumbers?

2 Are you talking about individuals --

3 MR. TODD ALLRED: No, no, plumbing contractors --

4 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: -- or are you just going by
5 the business names?

6 MR. TODD ALLRED: -- company names. So if you
7 look here it says --

8 MR. BRAD MOORE: Yeah, general construction,
9 general construction, tile and stone.

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: There's Brothers Plumbing right
11 here.

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Right.

13 MR. TODD ALLRED: So that was a company, but I
14 have to scroll down. It used to be that it was, like,
15 every second or third one was a company.

16 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Right. And now that --

17 MR. TODD ALLRED: We're seeing a lot of general
18 contractors here.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes, because we now have
20 plumbing contractors, where we didn't before. So those
21 reports were in the contractor violations. So under the
22 plumbing violations, we were only seeing those
23 individuals because there were no companies.

24 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

25 MR. BRAD MOORE: Okay.



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: So now, you know, four
2 years ago, if there was a construction contractor under
3 1827, which is the contractor law, and they subcontract
4 out plumbing work or they do, you know, some sort of
5 remodeling that involves plumbing work, they now have to
6 be a plumbing contractor.

7 So for prosperity, or, you know, they probably,
8 most likely, kept their business name and then just
9 issued that additional license. So a lot of these where
10 you're seeing the tile and stone, you can probably
11 guarantee that they also have a construction contractor
12 license. They just are required to carry the two
13 licenses now.

14 MR. TODD ALLRED: Gotcha. Gotcha. So you had,
15 and that's all findable on the website if we're really
16 interested. Yeah, if you want to move to --

17 Are you satisfied with your question?

18 MR. BRAD MOORE: Yep.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, please.

20 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: So I don't have much to
21 tell you on the budget. Sorry. We're done.

22 So with the allotments, since we just entered in,
23 the new 23 to 25 allotments are still under
24 construction, so we have not been given that information
25 yet. It should be mid-October, which is now, that



1 they've got all of those allotments programed in and our
2 budget analyst can then do the projections and, kind of,
3 determine where they see us going over the next few
4 years with the budget. So it's not prepared yet because
5 we are at the beginning of a new fiscal year. So, we'll
6 have more information at the next meeting.

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. So that causes some
8 questions that I want to ask about.

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Sure.

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: So it used to be that we saw a
11 running total with this report, the amount of money that
12 was sitting in the plumber fund.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes.

14 MR. TODD ALLRED: And then what was
15 communicated -- or my understanding is, I don't know if
16 it's right or not -- but my understanding was that was
17 money that would be able to be used by, I guess, the
18 plumbing program. I'm not sure what the rules are
19 around that, but we'd like to know that, I think.

20 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah --

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: So are you saying --

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: -- I've been sharing it in
23 other board meetings. I just don't have it at this one
24 because the ones that I was sharing at previous board
25 meetings ended on June 30th of 2023. They went through



1 the fiscal year. Now that we're on a new fiscal year,
2 they have to do new projections and get all of the
3 money, the allotments and everything.

4 So it's just still under structure. So it's just
5 the timing of this meeting is why it's not available at
6 this meeting. But going forward, you'll get those
7 charts again for the revenue and expenditures. That
8 will all go back to how you were seeing it.

9 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

10 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: So, I guess, what I pictured
12 when you said "budget," I'm thinking operating budget.
13 I don't know that we had much operations, so that's why
14 I was questioning, did L&I change something and we
15 didn't know about it? That all.

16 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No. No, no, no, no. We're
17 just -- our budget analyst is getting all of the
18 numbers, putting it all in. And he is doing it for many
19 different areas. And since it's the beginning of the
20 new fiscal year, he's building it and getting the
21 structure ready.

22 So those reports and graphs, he can project out
23 through July of 2024. So he's got all of those
24 projections and looking at everything. So it's just
25 still under structure.



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

2 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: But you'll see that same
3 chart you've always seen before. You'll see it again at
4 the next one, once it's built.

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. Perfect.

6 Does that work for everybody?

7 (No audible response.)

8 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Good. Because I don't have
9 a different answer.

10 So also there is the rule update. I talked
11 about, at the last meeting, the construction contractor
12 rules we were going to file on some changes due to 1534,
13 which is increasing the contractor bond amount. That
14 bill had three different implementation phases.

15 We've already implemented Phase I, which was you
16 have to be 18 years of age at the time of registration.
17 You can now register as a contractor submitting an ITIN
18 number, which is an individual tax identification
19 number. You can do that in lieu of a Social Security
20 number.

21 Those were the first two. Oh, and successorship.
22 If somebody owes a judgment, outstanding non-satisfied
23 final judgment, they are not eligible for registration.
24 There have been instances where mom, grandma, sister,
25 brother, uncle, aunt, neighbor then registered the



1 contractor instead. So that is called successorship and
2 that is no longer allowed.

3 And that part of the law took effect July 27th.
4 And we have already identified 18 successors who are
5 trying to register for other people. So that's been a
6 good change to help protect consumers.

7 But the next round is July 1, 2024, bonds are
8 being increased. I talked about that at the last
9 meeting. 15 and 30,000 based on specialty and general
10 contractor. Infractions are a \$5,000 maximum right now.
11 It's going to \$10,000 for maximum penalty.

12 Again, that's not first, second offense. It's,
13 we're going to build an escalation strategy and
14 determine, you know, when those are egregious acts and
15 when we should really elevate it up that high.

16 So that is the latest rule filing. We just filed
17 the rule last week on that. We're building -- it should
18 go live today -- a rules page on the contractor part of
19 our website. And it will, kind of, give the public
20 hearing information, where people can submit comments,
21 solicit feedback. We'll be putting those rules up.

22 So that was just filed last week. So we're going
23 to move on. I think we're giving a month, because of
24 holidays and everything, we're giving a month -- maybe
25 longer, six weeks -- for public comment, to make sure



1 everybody has the opportunity to review it and submit
2 comments if they've got some more concerns.

3 MR. TODD ALLRED: Any questions on any of that?
4 (No audible response.)

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: So the increasing bond amount
6 that you mentioned, that goes into effect next year and
7 it's 15 to 30 -- 15 and 30 now instead of --

8 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes.

9 MR. TODD ALLRED: -- 6 and 12?

10 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Right.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes. And that's for
13 construction contractor only. Plumbing contractors will
14 remain at 6.

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: Oh.

16 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, the bill only
17 affected contractor law 1827.

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: So what if a contractor is a
19 general contractor and a plumbing contractor, then he's
20 the 30,000?

21 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: 30,000 for the contractor,
22 and 6000 for the plumbing contractor.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: In addition?

24 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Uh-huh.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, they have separate
2 bond requirements.

3 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay.

4 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And then each bond is
5 structured to cover the scope of work done within that
6 chapter. So either 1827 for contractor or 18.106 for a
7 plumber.

8 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. Very good. All right.
9 Any other questions for her? All right. We'll move on.

10 You have PLO4 hours and PLO2 exams information
11 for us?

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes. So you had requested
13 this to be an agenda item based on the fact that
14 residential service hours, PLO4 hours accrued are not
15 used towards a PLO2 exam.

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yes.

17 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And you had a question over
18 that enforcement or the statute or ...

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah. So just to, kind of,
20 give the room a feel for the discussion, because just
21 for my knowledge, can -- who are the UA reps in the
22 room? And open shop, regulatory?

23 Okay. So the stakeholder leadership which
24 includes the UA leadership at the WSA, and PHCC
25 leadership, and Mechanical Contractors Association has



1 been discussing the next round of -- we have legislation
2 in the court advisor's office now, may have come out,
3 but we're not sure. We intend to get that bill passed
4 this year. We did not include anything about this PLO4,
5 PLO2 thing, but here's what happened.

6 We were in a stakeholder meeting. And there's a
7 couple guys in the room that are at that meeting, so the
8 information is accurate. When it was mentioned that we
9 had just recently learned that there were PLO4 -- that
10 there were guys that had collected PLO4 hours, they go
11 test, and now those hours don't help them succeed --
12 they lose those hours. They don't count towards you
13 getting your PLO2 hours and your cert to be able to test
14 for your PLO2 cert.

15 That struck -- I mean, I saw eyes go wide-open at
16 the UA leadership, like, "what? That's not what we
17 intended." And I'm like, yeah, that's not what we
18 intended, but that's what we just learned. So we had
19 asked Melissa -- I had asked Melissa to include that
20 information for us. We want to understand why PLO4
21 hours cannot apply to the PLO2 test.

22 Because all of those, all of that work used to
23 fall under PLO2. And you can, you were in a step-up
24 process as you went through the trade, right? You
25 worked toward the PLO4. Before we had PLO4, you'd get



1 to the PLO2, and then the only thing different was you
2 had to have your commercial hours. And you could have
3 commercial hours and still take the PLO2 test and get
4 that certification. But for some reason the PLO4 is not
5 being allowed those hours. And if you test for that,
6 you've got to start over.

7 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Well, I've got a question
8 about that.

9 So in order to get a PLO4, who do you have to be
10 supervised by?

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: You can be supervised by PLO1,
12 a PLO2, or a PLO4.

13 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: So if you're a PLO4 that's
14 only been supervised by a PLO4, how does that give you
15 enough supervision to be a PLO2?

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: We're not saying that it gives
17 you supervision. That's not what I'm saying. What I'm
18 saying is that --

19 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: But I think in every other
20 case, if you want to be a PLO2, you're supervised by a
21 PLO2 --

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: That's -- yes.

23 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: -- if you want to be a PLO1,
24 you have a percentage of your hours supervised by a
25 PLO1.



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, I understand that.

2 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: I guess that's the question I
3 have, just the mechanics of the supervision.

4 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Okay. Let me answer that
5 question for you. The way it's set up, the way you guys
6 wrote it is that to --

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: Times, times, please. I want
8 to continue this discussion real quick.

9 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Okay.

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: So to answer your question, in
11 our minds okay, before we had the PLO4, all work that
12 PLO4s would have done, all would fall under, probably,
13 PLO2. You would be getting those hours to move up to,
14 to be able to test PLO2.

15 So, yeah, we do have a distinction now with the
16 addition of the PLO4. But most of those guys are --
17 most of those guys are being supervised by PLO2s or
18 PLO1s because there is not very many PLO4s in the state.
19 What do we have like 35 now or something? There's not
20 very many of them.

21 And it should be, there should be some
22 succession. And I don't know how to -- I just want to
23 understand how regulatory is looking at it so that we
24 can have those answers to evaluate if it's something we
25 want to tackle at the stakeholder level.



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: So and that would be one of
2 the things is the supervision. Right, exactly what
3 Antonio was saying about being supervised by an 04 and
4 then qualifying to take the exam as an 02. So that's
5 where the holdup, I guess, or the prevention is coming
6 in.

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: So if the PLO2 is supervising a
8 trainee and he awards PLO4 hours -- okay, because they
9 think that's what they should be -- this is my
10 understanding.

11 These guys are submitting affidavits for the PLO4
12 hours, but they've been supervised by a PLO2, but they
13 submitted the affidavit for a PLO4. But they lose those
14 hours and they don't apply to them getting towards the
15 higher certification.

16 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: They don't lose the hours,
17 but they don't apply --

18 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Let me straighten it out for
19 you so that it makes more sense. Okay. You guys wrote
20 the law that says for an 04 to supervise a trainee, they
21 first have to have 2000 hours of 01 or 02 supervision.
22 Okay. And then once that 04 comes in, then that trainee
23 can go in and work under an 04 and get the remaining
24 hours to become an 04.

25 Those are the hours you don't get to count. The



1 02 are still going to sit there on that transcript and
2 they're going to be there for those guys. We don't
3 throw them away, they stay there. So, and if the guy
4 has got 4000 hours of 02 supervision, and he takes and
5 goes for his test for 04, those 04 -- those 4000 hours
6 are still going to be there.

7 The only hours you're not getting is going to be
8 that first group. If you have that trainee that only
9 has 2000 hours under the old 01, 02, and then he's being
10 supervised by an 04, he does not get supervision hours
11 for an 02.

12 Does that make sense?

13 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah. So let me ask another
14 question then. If a guy has 4000 PLO2 hours or 4000
15 PLO1 commercial hours, can they still test PLO4?

16 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yes.

17 MR. TODD ALLRED: Do they lose -- then those
18 hours didn't still remain as they --

19 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: They'll stay as long as they
20 maintain their trainee card for the remaining hours that
21 they would need. That would stay there.

22 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. All right.

23 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Okay?

24 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah. Thank you, Bruce.

25 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: No problem.



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: Does anybody else have any
2 questions on that?

3 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: No, I think that was my point.
4 Because I think anything that is supervised by 02, stays
5 02. You don't lose it. You're only losing out on 04 to
6 04. And just and everything else is just outside the
7 wall service stuff. So it's not like they're losing
8 anything. If you have 02s, we're crediting 02
9 supervision hours. They're not losing it. They have
10 all the ability to take that.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, it's just not -- it's not
12 what we intended.

13 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: So you thought that an 04 who
14 only does plumber work outside of the wall should be
15 able to supervise for 02 stuff that's inside the wall?

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: No, no, no, no. Supervised no.

17 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: That's what it is though, so
18 an 04 can supervise only 04 stuff.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: Right.

20 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: An 02 can do anything.

21 MR. BRAD MOORE: 04s and 02s.

22 MR. TODD ALLRED: Right. But I think what's
23 happened is, I don't know 100 percent, but I think
24 what's happened is that contractors are trying to get
25 those guys the ability to test the 04 so they can go out



1 and make better money and all of that, right? So they
2 get, they're supervising them under the PLO2, but
3 they're probably filling out 04 affidavits.

4 And then when they -- thinking that those are
5 still going to be able to apply. It's a mistake on the
6 contractor's part.

7 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Certainly. I mean if they
8 have 02, they should absolutely be giving them the
9 highest amount of accreditation. 100 percent. 04 does
10 allow them to do the drain fitting and other stuff that
11 is that low-hanging fruit in the supervision.

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yes. We just intended it to be
13 different than that is all, so we wanted an explanation.

14 Would you say that's accurate?

15 MR. BRAD MOORE: Well, I don't. I think the
16 people that are only doing 04 work, that that work
17 shouldn't apply to the 02. But I think an 02 should be
18 able to sign off hours working.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah. Do you have anything
20 else you wanted to add? Okay. All right. Good enough.
21 Thank you for that. Thanks Bruce for that.

22 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Sure.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. Remaining open
24 board seat. So we still have one --

25 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, specialty.



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: -- specialty plumber seat that
2 we still haven't had -- have you gotten any applications
3 for it?

4 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No.

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: Interesting.

6 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No, and I've met with like,
7 the operators. And I've told them. I keep telling
8 people we've got this seat; we've got this seat. But
9 no, nobody has ...

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: Well, I know one guy that
11 wanted -- that applied for it -- but I don't know where,
12 maybe it got lost in the mix or he sent it to the wrong
13 place or something -- about six months ago. Anyway.
14 But we do have an open seat if anybody is interested.
15 We need a specialty plumber seat.

16 Now, that's not PLO4, that's a PLO2, correct?

17 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Correct.

18 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: 02 or a 03.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: 02 or a 03?

20 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: 02 or 03, yeah. It was
21 originally set up --

22 MR. TODD ALLRED: Sorry, Scott.

23 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yeah, it was originally set
24 up for the wall guys when they came in. 01 contractor
25 and one specialty 03 -- and that's what it was designed



1 for 03, or 03-A.

2 MR. TODD ALLRED: Anyway, we have one open seat
3 we need to get filled.

4 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: I'll run it by the groundwater
5 board again.

6 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. Sounds good. Thank you,
7 Scott.

8 Jed Scheuermann with an IAPMO update, please.

9 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Good morning, everyone.
10 Jed Scheuermann here.

11 So a couple of weeks ago several of you in the
12 room here were at the IAPMO conference in San Antonio.
13 I believe it was the highest attended conference we ever
14 had. Part of that was the emergence out of COVID, and
15 then the other reality was, it was a tripartite
16 conference with ASSE, American Society of Sanitary
17 Engineering, ARCSA, American Rainwater Catchment Systems
18 Associated, and IAPMO.

19 One of the big news items at that conference was
20 the fact that IAPMO has acquired ARCSA, because
21 Rainwater Catchment is going to become a bigger and
22 bigger part of the reality of the plumbing world. And
23 so we saw that as a strategic opportunity to increase
24 the profile of ARCSA. And we have more and more
25 provisions in our code, the uniform plumbing code for



1 rainwater catchment, so it was a natural fit.

2 And so we are melding them into our organization.
3 They will still retain their, you know, their identity
4 and things like that, but we're going to do some pretty
5 high-profile stuff. And they're also going to get very
6 involved with us with IWSH, our foundation, bringing
7 potable water and sanitation to folks who don't have it.
8 We see rainwater catchment in some of the areas of the
9 United States, the Navajo Reservation, for example, as
10 being a possibility there.

11 The 2027 UPC and UMC, uniform plumbing code and
12 uniform mechanical code, are now in their development
13 stages. And so the opportunity is now for code change
14 proposals to be made to those codes. So if you've got
15 something burning that you think needs fixed or changed
16 in the uniform codes, now is the time to submit those
17 code change proposals. And the timeline for all of that
18 is on our website.

19 And then a couple of weeks ago I was here in
20 Spokane for the State Building Codes Council Meeting.
21 And just in case any one doesn't know, the State
22 Building Codes Council, at that time, voted to delay the
23 effective date of Washington codes until the 15th of
24 March of 2024.

25 So all of the Washington State Building Codes



1 Council codes do not take effect until the 15th of March
2 of 2024. And that is my report, Mr. Chair.

3 MR. TODD ALLRED: Thank you, Jed. A question for
4 you. If anybody wants to get involved in the process
5 of -- is there an opportunity for anyone that wanted to,
6 in the industry, get involved in the process with IAPMO
7 and the development of the new fresh codes coming up?

8 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Absolutely. The whole code
9 development timeline is on our website. We've got the
10 open public hearings. So right now is the time for the
11 code change proposals to be made. I believe the
12 deadline is early January of 2024.

13 Following that, then you've got the series of
14 different meetings. You've got the technical committee
15 meetings in the spring, where those code change
16 proposals are debated and hashed out; then you've got
17 the assembly consideration session at our conference
18 next September, which I believe is in Las Vegas. And
19 then after that, you've got the second round of
20 technical committee meetings and the second round of
21 assembly consideration through our three-year cycle.

22 So, yes, now is the strategic time to submit
23 those proposals and get involved with the whole process.

24 MR. TODD ALLRED: If someone wants to be involved
25 in one of those committees, how would they go about



1 that?

2 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Okay. So the technical
3 committee, that one is handled a little differently.
4 Most of our other committees, the deadline for
5 application happened a couple of weeks ago. It happened
6 shortly after the IAPMO conference. And then for the
7 technical committees, those ones are constantly
8 undergoing revision depending on members coming on and
9 cycling off.

10 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. So -- and that's on a
11 three-year cycle for those, for the technical
12 committees?

13 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Yes.

14 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. All right. Great.
15 Thank you.

16 Any questions for Jed? Thanks for what you do
17 with IWSH and all of that stuff. It's pretty cool.

18 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: My pleasure.

19 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. We're going to talk
20 about future meeting locations for 2024.

21 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yep. So at the last board
22 meeting there was vote that passed to have two on the
23 west side, two on the east side. So then it's up to the
24 Department to figure out those locations, where they're
25 going to be. I am looking at resources right now and



1 what Labor & Industries facilities are available and
2 have enough space, not knowing what kind of space we
3 need, but that way to be mindful of the budget. Maybe
4 not paying for locations if we can find Labor & Industry
5 locations.

6 So I know the Spokane office is very small. It
7 does not have capacity or parking to support offices.
8 Moses Lake has a good size office. It's a central
9 location. So we're still identifying the best resources
10 to stay with that "two on the east side; two on the west
11 side."

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. And we're in our, this
13 is our second meeting of that cycle or is this our first
14 meeting of that cycle?

15 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: It was voted on at the last
16 meeting when we were on the west side.

17 MR. TODD ALLRED: It seems like that conversation
18 has been going on for some time.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah. The first time we
20 had a vote on it though.

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah.

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes, it has been an ongoing
23 conversation, from my understanding, for years, but no
24 decisions were ever carried through on that.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: So you think the January



1 meeting will be in Tumwater then or something like that?

2 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Or something like that,
3 yeah.

4 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. Very good. Any
5 questions on meeting locations? Very good.

6 Any old business? Any old business? No old
7 business. All right, great.

8 Any new business? Any new business for all of us
9 here, so we don't get fined. All right. No new
10 business. All right. Very good.

11 Anybody here have anything that they want to say
12 or address to the Board? Again, we have a time limit of
13 two minutes for anybody that wants to address the Board
14 for something, any concern they might have?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have one question regarding
16 the code adoption. Since it's got pushed out again and
17 the 2024 code is already available -- and we're testing
18 on the 2015, and we've adopted the 2018 -- what is that
19 going to look like? Are we going to skip the 2021 and
20 adopt the 2024; what's that going to look like?

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: Well, that's probably a State
22 Building Code Council question. Not really a question
23 for this Board, or Labor & Industries, because it's a
24 State Building Code Council question.

25 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And I think as far as --



1 MR. TODD ALLRED: Testing though.

2 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: -- the exam and what we're
3 going to do with that, we can have a conversation after
4 the Board meeting, just because it's not relevant for a
5 Board topic. But we'll talk about that afterwards and,
6 kind of, have that discussion.

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: I think that's definitely a
8 relevant question, asking what the testing is going to
9 look like.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, that's what I was more
11 referring to.

12 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Todd, if I might?

13 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yes.

14 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: And this is just Jed's
15 personal opinion, not IAPMO's opinion or anything else.

16 I mean, you raise an interesting question,
17 because I believe by statute, because the 2024 uniform
18 plumbing code is already published, the State Building
19 Code Council's already directed that they need to
20 evaluate that.

21 The fact that the 2021 code, which was adopted,
22 has not yet been implemented, and will not be until the
23 15th of March of '24 at the earliest, means it's
24 probably going to have a fairly short lifecycle.

25 Because once the 2024 process starts, and those wheels



1 get moving, if that follows the typical cycle, the 2021
2 code will be enforced for about nine months.

3 You know, because it would be in 2025, July 1 of
4 2025 that the '24 code should be implemented and
5 effective. So it's going to be a very short lifespan.

6 MR. TODD ALLRED: There is a possibility that it
7 gets skipped too, there is that. Because it seems like
8 our state has always been behind on, especially the
9 plumbing code at least two cycles, it seems.

10 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And I think within the
11 structure of the Board, if I'm understanding that
12 correctly -- I wish Ben was here -- I think if the Board
13 wanted to have a discussion on what a recommendation
14 would be or what the Board would advise the Department
15 on which route to go, I believe based off of your
16 question, then that would initiate a Board discussion.

17 Is that ...

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: That fine. I'm fine with that.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: From Ben.

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, I'm totally fine with
21 that. We can have a discussion and then we can make a
22 motion to advise the Department to tell the State
23 Building Code Council, is that what you're -- or inform
24 the State Building Code Council of our recommendation --
25 is that what you're saying?



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: No, I guess I don't know
2 what I'm saying. As far as we're at '15 right now, are
3 we going to go to '17, are we going to go to '19, are we
4 going to go to '21, or yeah, skip to '24? Obviously, we
5 can't do '21 or '24 at this time, right?

6 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Well, I mean the '21 code
7 is not effective yet. It will not be effective until
8 the 15th of March of '24.

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Right.

10 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: So there's -- and I think
11 it does create a conundrum for training agencies; what
12 code do you train people to? The test is on the '15;
13 the law of the land is the '18; the '21 is adopted, but
14 not implemented; and the '24 is here already.

15 So, I mean, you know, as a former training
16 coordinator and instructor, and all of these other
17 things, this creates a real problem for the State of
18 Washington. It's a logistical nightmare.

19 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Agreed.

20 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: And CEUs, right? It's
21 like, well, how do you get your CEUs, to which code do
22 you do it?

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: Exactly.

24 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: The one that you're
25 licensed, that you tested on the '15, that one? The one



1 that's the law of the land, the '18? It creates a real,
2 real problem.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, you guys have to create
4 the test, correct? L&I creates the test?

5 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Correct. And we were going
6 to go to -- and correct me if I'm wrong, we were going
7 to go to '18, but then 2020 happened and nothing
8 happened as far as the development. And then now we're
9 stuck in this cycle. So do we go to '19 -- I'm sorry,
10 do we go to '18; do we hold off; do we go straight to
11 the next one when it's released?

12 We don't have those answers yet. And we will be
13 having the discussions on the best route to go, but I
14 don't have that right now. So that's why I was
15 suggesting if the Board had a discussion and, you know,
16 made a recommendation, just go to this year. "The Board
17 recommends that the Department do this; the Board
18 recommends that the Department, you know, hold off until
19 the next cycle is available and then go forward with the
20 next cycle once it's released."

21 That's what I was thinking if the Board wanted to
22 have a discussion.

23 MR. BRAD MOORE: Well, it doesn't -- like Jed was
24 saying, it's just a messed up deal. You know, we should
25 be on the current code. We shouldn't be on a code



1 that's eight years old. That's what we're testing on,
2 but yet, that's not the code we actually use. The code
3 we actually use is three years newer than that. I mean,
4 we need to catch up. And I'm not sure exactly the
5 process of how we catch up.

6 MR. RYAN MCMAHAN: I don't know how much
7 everybody puts their nose in the code books but there's
8 been some serious significant changes between '15, '18,
9 '21 and '24.

10 MR. BRAD MOORE: Absolutely right.

11 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Okay.

12 MR. BRAD MOORE: I mean we should be catching up.
13 And I don't know the exact process to get there but we,
14 you know, this is 2023. We shouldn't be using a code
15 that's three cycles old. Because of just what you're
16 saying. There's changes that have been made and how do
17 we train to it. You know, it's a confusing mess.

18 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And are you training to '18
19 right now? What are you training to?

20 MR. BRAD MOORE: I'm not sure. We're training on
21 '18, but then you have to turn around and test on the
22 '15.

23 MR. RYAN MCMAHAN: I will tell you that in the
24 classes I was teaching for Local 26, we would test prep
25 on the '15, and then I would teach them the differences



1 between '15 and what they're actually going to install
2 on the '18, and try to differentiate. And it was of
3 pain in the ass.

4 But "this is the test you're going to take. So
5 we've got to get you to pass this test." But then "oh,
6 by the way though, when you're installing this, this is
7 how you have to install it."

8 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: And that's, kind of, what
9 we're doing with like test prep is '15. And then the
10 CEUs are to the current code, which hopefully will
11 bridge that gap between the test cycle versus where we
12 are currently. So most people who are renewing their
13 license are going to get a batch of CEUs. And the CEUs
14 as to the current.

15 Which puts us in a weird limbo for CEU renewal,
16 because do we renew the one that we currently have in
17 the hopper or do we advance to what? And that has to be
18 created. Same problem. So do we advance the CEUs and
19 quickly make them for '21 or '24, which isn't out yet.

20 But it doesn't get -- the CEU thing is going to
21 become a big problem for existing plumbers, making sure
22 that they have an accredited source from which to gain
23 those CEUs from.

24 So what I have to do is end up spending money for
25 multiple platforms to make sure that everyone is covered



1 simultaneously, because we don't know which one is going
2 to be the one that's approved without any lag because
3 how often do we meet for CEU approval?

4 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: If I've got anything in the
5 hopper, usually once a month.

6 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Okay.

7 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: I mean the biggest problem
8 we have with this whole deal is the fact that the '18
9 didn't even get moved in when it was supposed to,
10 because it just kept changing. And then, of course, we
11 also had to go -- we went to go out of the testing it
12 went to PSI, which that caused another big problem.

13 But that's what's been going on here. We can't
14 seem to get a period where we're, "what book are we
15 going to," because it takes a little bit of time to put
16 all of that together and do a test out of it.

17 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Sure. And that wasn't an
18 assessment of blame by any means --

19 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Well, no, but I'm just
20 trying to explain why we're sitting where we're at
21 because it's -- all of this keeps changing. Because the
22 Building Code Council can't put the thing together, you
23 know. It's either the code messed it up or now it's the
24 other problems we're having. So we can't even get '21.
25 I was hoping to get '21 started and be done with it,



1 but ...

2 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: I was merely highlighting the
3 fact that we're running into a bottleneck with getting
4 new plumbers their licenses, and knowing what to test
5 to. And now we're going to end up with another problem
6 with attrition if we don't properly address the CEUs for
7 our existing plumbers.

8 MR. TODD ALLRED: 100 percent.

9 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: As far as what other states
10 have done, I mean some states, I mean, they literally
11 skipped code years, code cycles, because it doesn't make
12 sense. I mean, again, Jed's personal opinion, not
13 IAPMO's or anyone else's. I mean, to implement a code
14 for nine months and then go immediately to a different
15 code, that doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't know what it costs for
17 L&I to create a test, but that's a lot of money to spend
18 to create a test that's valid for nine months.

19 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Right.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just to start all over again.

21 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: I think it behooves the
22 State Building Code Council to act timely and to get
23 something done. And to, you know, the delay, delay,
24 delay, delay, it's very frustrating. Because, again,
25 from IAPMO's standpoint, you know, how do you produce,



1 publish, print code books and create resources for code
2 books that are never going to get used? You know, I
3 mean this is a major, major issue.

4 MR. TODD ALLRED: It's a revenue issue for you?

5 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: It's not a, per se, it's
6 not a revenue issue because IAPMO is not driven by
7 selling books.

8 MR. BRAD MOORE: They're selling 2015 like
9 hotcakes.

10 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: And it's a difficult
11 conundrum. And I think Washington needs to deal with
12 that issue at the SBCC, and sooner than later.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: This is the third time that
14 it's been pushed back; is that right?

15 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Yep.

16 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: Who is pushing it back at the
17 State?

18 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: That is a very contentious
19 question. And it -- I mean, again this is Jed's
20 personal opinion -- it has a lot to do with that Ninth
21 Circuit Court ruling and the gas ban and all of the
22 other stuff associated with that. I think there are
23 some folks who hope that those decisions will all be
24 overturned and the gas ban will be implemented. That's,
25 kind of, what I see. But I can't say that with any



1 surety. And, again, that's my personal opinion trying
2 to read what I see going on.

3 I mean it was very difficult at the meeting here
4 in Spokane. I made the trip over here to Spokane to
5 come to a State Building Codes Council Meeting and was
6 immediately excused for an executive session of two and
7 a half hours, where the legalities of code
8 implementation and adoption and effective dates, I'm
9 assuming, was the topic that was discussed without us.
10 But no decision was made other than after much
11 haranguing, 15th of March, 2024 is new effective date,
12 for now.

13 Whether that happens or not, I don't know,
14 because as Melissa pointed out, we've already seen two
15 dates come and go. So I don't know.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there anyone like, as us
17 plumbers can send an email and say, you know, tell them,
18 "hey, we need this figured out," like if there's
19 multiple people emailing?

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: If you were to go to the State
21 Building Code Council website, there's probably a place
22 for you to give them feedback there.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

24 MR. ALLRED: But unless they're in a code cycle
25 and they're in the process of evaluating and making



1 their decisions, then they have public comment time,
2 they have meetings you can attend, they'll give you the
3 opportunity to speak there. And then you can have a
4 written comment. You can submit a written comment to
5 them as well. But it is a difficult communication
6 process for sure.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: But I would encourage that.
9 The plumbing industry should barrage the State Building
10 Codes Council and tell them "you need to make a decision
11 on this thing yesterday, not tomorrow." And you know at
12 the same time you might suggest that they actually put a
13 plumber back on that Board as well, because there isn't
14 a plumbing voice on that Board right now. Again, this
15 is Jed Scheuermann speaking as Jed Scheuermann, as a
16 plumber.

17 It's frustrating. I mean, I'm a proud plumber
18 and I look at my industry, and, you know, I invest in it
19 and I want to see the best for my industry. And, quite
20 frankly, what's going on here in Washington is
21 challenging right now for us as an industry.

22 MR. TODD ALLRED: Very good way to put that.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a question too. How
24 many accredited trade schools are in Washington that
25 Washington acknowledges?



1 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: There's only one that gives
2 accredited hours, Perry Tech.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why is that?

4 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Because those are the only
5 ones that applied. We haven't had anybody else come up
6 other than ...

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So it's the school or
8 institution that has to apply to be accredited; is that
9 correct?

10 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Correct.

11 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yep.

12 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: And then they provide their
13 course and, once approved, if approved, then their
14 students also get the hours upon graduation.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Got it.

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: CITC also has an approved
17 apprenticeship program in the state, but they don't get
18 hours because they're not out doing work like a Perry
19 Tech's students are.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Got it, okay.

21 MR. TODD ALLRED: Which is a pretty cool program
22 they have going on over there.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Perry?

24 MR. TODD ALLRED: Perry Tech. Who asked the
25 question about the dates? It was one of these two guys.



1 To answer the question about the State Building
2 Code Council, Jed put it pretty -- it is a mess. I'll
3 say it's not challenging, I'll say it's a mess. Just so
4 you guys know, if you contact the BIAW, Building
5 Industry Association Industry of Washington, they are
6 involved in some efforts to try to revamp the State
7 Building Code Council so that is a more effective and
8 impactful organization to be able to bring the change
9 that we need, to make sure that the building industry is
10 strong.

11 I'll speak from my opinion, not the chair of this
12 Board, anything other than my opinion, is that it's
13 driven by ideology not industry. That's how I'll say
14 that. So, and the thing was is they -- we talked about
15 this at the last meeting in July in Tumwater, but they
16 removed the one plumber that was on the Board, {first
17 name indiscernible} Walker, they removed him from the
18 Board because he was ...

19 UNKNOWN BOARD MEMBER: Against the gas ban.

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: That, he didn't align with
21 their ideologies. And I think he was, kind of, a thorn
22 in their side a little bit. Which is a good thing. He
23 needs to be. So I don't know as a Board, as this Board
24 goes, I don't know what we can do to affect change on
25 that, but that's the problem. Yes?



1 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Yes, so I'm Representative
2 Suzanne Schmidt. I'm from the 4th Legislative District.
3 I'm also the ranking member on the labor workplace
4 standards committee and the legislature.

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: Welcome.

6 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Thank you. Yeah, and I've
7 had plenty of calls and emails regarding the State
8 Building Code Council. And so that's one of the reasons
9 why I'm here today, not just with plumbers.

10 And just what you're saying is -- so what I'm
11 looking at is, is there legislation that we can change
12 the structure of the Council. Because I think, you
13 know, what you're seeing is, what I'm experiencing and
14 what I'm seeing, that it's an ideology that if you don't
15 share it, then you're off. And they don't have, you
16 know, members on the Board that are experienced in the
17 actual trades. So --

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: Some of them don't even live in
19 the state.

20 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Yeah. I sat through a
21 couple hours of the last meeting and it was -- it was
22 hard. It was difficult. I do remember seeing you there
23 at the meeting. But at any rate that's what, you know,
24 and that's why I'm here today too, just to hear what you
25 have to say about it.



1 But I would like to look at how can we change,
2 you know, that legislation. I mean legislatively change
3 making the structure of the Council or, sort of,
4 authority that they hold. Because it seems they are the
5 end-all. And they are not necessarily bringing in a
6 whole lot of outside opinions. That it's either, you
7 know, being on board with their ideology, or you're out.

8 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah. Part of the problem is
9 that everybody that's on the State voted cocounsel is
10 appointed by the Governor.

11 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Right.

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: So you're going to have a
13 situation where, when then is no accountability, then
14 you have essentially it's an activist organization.

15 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Right. Correct.

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: So that's what we're seeing
17 right now. And there are efforts underway. I don't
18 know if you've spoke with Jen {indiscernible} or not,
19 but and there is -- and some other folks, there are some
20 efforts underway. And even the UA leadership, Neil
21 Hartman is involved in that effort too.

22 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Okay.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: So there is efforts to try to
24 revamp that process, whether it be legislatively or some
25 other method.



1 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Okay.

2 MR. TODD ALLRED: But I would be happy to talk
3 with you after the meeting.

4 MS. SUZANNE SCHMIDT: Yeah. And I have talked
5 with Jan, but I didn't know about Neil. I did write
6 that down. Yeah, thank you.

7 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, I don't know -- oh, did
8 you have something?

9 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Oh, no, I was just going to
10 see if there was any more public comment regarding the
11 meeting?

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, that's what I'm wondering
13 about too.

14 Well, actually, I'm wondering about -- I don't
15 know if there was any content under this public comment
16 coming from Jason for the Board to decide on.

17 What do you guys think?

18 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: Are you looking for a motion
19 that they just bypass the '21 and go on to the next one?

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: I'm totally open to anything,
21 man. Because I think that would be --

22 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: I think it's more reasonable.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, and start testing on it.

24 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: And then testing on it,
25 because nine months, I mean, that's a drop in the



1 bucket.

2 MR. TODD ALLRED: Jed, based on what you know of
3 the State Building Code Counsel is it even a realistic
4 thing for them to jump from the '21 to the '24 with
5 their process of tag?

6 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: All of the tag work on the
7 '21 is being done. It's completely done. It just isn't
8 effective because of the delays. So there's no extra
9 work that needs to be done with the '21. To me, again,
10 my personal opinion, is the question comes down to, do
11 you implement the code for -- the '21 code for nine
12 months, knowing that you're starting the process in two
13 months for the 2024 evaluation?

14 The tag for the 2024, I believe, will be convened
15 in January of 2024. It will go through its process. It
16 sits through the next legislative session. And July 1
17 of 2025, it should become effective, I believe.

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: The 2024 UPC?

19 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Right.

20 MR. TODD ALLRED: Through the State Building Code
21 Council adoption process?

22 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Right.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's what you're talking
24 about. Okay.

25 So it would probably not be smart for us to, I



1 mean, I don't know if that's even logistically possible,
2 so -- but we can recommend to the Department to
3 potentially be testing on the '21 code and skip the '18,
4 because you're testing on '15 now, right.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

6 MR. BRUCE SPRINGER: Yep.

7 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: And then, again, the
8 question I think to the Department that is, you go
9 through all the work of developing of psychometric
10 analysis and all of the other stuff that has to happen
11 for a '21 code, and it's going to be in place for "x"
12 number of months. I mean, that becomes a fiscal
13 question to the Department I would think.

14 MR. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, so one thing I could
15 suggest is, you know, we're on the same page that we
16 need to get out of '15. How we do that, I think the
17 Department can go back, have those conversations, look
18 at timelines, look at feasibility, come up with a plan,
19 a projection, a timeline, and bring that back at the
20 next Board meeting to have a discussion on what the
21 direction that we intend to go, and then we can have a
22 discussion on responses to that.

23 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Melissa?

24 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yes.

25 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Is there a way to get a cost



1 projection for what an implementation for a test rollout
2 to PSI and development per code cycle?

3 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah. Yeah.

4 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Because I think putting it
5 into numbers might help.

6 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah, I think that's a good
7 idea. Yep. We can do that as well as our projection on
8 development on our side as well before sending it to PSI
9 and then the cost later.

10 MR. ANTONIO CRUZ: Well, that way it's not just
11 foot stomping, "it's not fair." Real knowledge for real
12 people.

13 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Yeah.

14 MR. RYAN MCMAHAN: With the substantial changes
15 in 2021, if 2021 gets adopted, potentially it could be
16 sitting there for two years before '24 gets adopted.
17 You're getting into '21, getting out of '15 and into
18 '21, and if '21 stays around for a couple of years, it's
19 not as big a deal as testing to a '15, '18, again.

20 So I think just getting it to '21, there's
21 nothing we can do as a Board to help the Building
22 Council push it through. What we do, we just have to
23 wait until the '21 comes up, and then potentially it's
24 going to be '21 for a couple of years.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: Well, I think that based on



1 everything that's been said here, I think it would be
2 smart for the Department to develop a test for the '21
3 code because we're going to probably be in that as he
4 said --

5 MR. BRAD MOORE: Yeah, if history shows anything,
6 we won't implement '21, until '29. I mean, seriously,
7 this is, I mean, how long has it gone on like this, Jed,
8 that we've been six years behind? As long as I've been
9 around.

10 MR. JED SCHEUERMANN: Yeah.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: Yeah, as long as I can
12 remember.

13 MR. BRAD MOORE: So I think what you're saying is
14 right. I think we need to get to '21. And it's
15 probably going to be -- it might be three or four years
16 that we're stuck in that. I think we need to figure out
17 how we speed this up. I mean, what's the point of
18 having a code that's implemented, that's supposed to be
19 the best at this point in 2024.

20 You know, the code is there to protect the public
21 and to make sure that, you know, that the plumbing is
22 done correctly. So why are we using something that's
23 eight years old, that's already obsolete? It doesn't
24 make any sense, I mean, what's the point.

25 MR. TODD ALLRED: Well, we are moving to the '21,



1 so that's good.

2 MR. BRAD MOORE: Well, that's closer. It's only
3 a couple of years behind.

4 MR. TODD ALLRED: Do we want to make a motion?
5 I'm looking at Antonio and Jed.

6 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: I'll make a motion that we ask
7 the State to implement testing on the '21.

8 MR. BRAD MOORE: Second.

9 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. I've got a second.
10 Discussion? We've kind of already discussed it.

11 MR. BRAD MOORE: We've discussed it, yeah.

12 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. Let's call for a
13 vote.

14 All in favor?

15 (Collective) "Aye."

16 MR. TODD ALLRED: And opposed? And abstention?
17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. Very good. So I
19 didn't write any of that down. Who is our secretary?
20 She is our secretary, right? We don't have an officer
21 for a secretary.

22 MS. MELISSA MCBRIDE: That's me.

23 MR. TODD ALLRED: That's you. Okay.

24 MR. MELISSA MCBRIDE: Through the court reporter.
25 I'm responsible for notes. We have a court reporter



1 hired to do that.

2 MR. TODD ALLRED: So you have the exact language
3 of the motion, right?

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

5 MR. TODD ALLRED: Okay. Perfect. All right.
6 Great. Any other public comment? All right. Well,
7 let's adjourn the meeting. Thank you for coming
8 everybody.

9 MR. SCOTT FOWLER: Motion to adjourn.

10 MR. RYAN MCMAHAN: Second.

11 MR. TODD ALLRED: All right. So we had a motion,
12 a second, and a vote.

13 All in favor?

14 (Collective.) "Aye."

15 MR. TODD ALLRED: Thank you everybody for being
16 here today for taking time out of your day to be here
17 today. And everybody that's in attendance, thank you
18 for being here.

19 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:31 A.M.)

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