



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023

Board Members

Todd Allred, Plumbing Business
Ryan McMahan, Plumbing Business
Dave Weisbeck, Public Member
Scott Fowler, Specialty Plumbing Business
Jed Scheuermann, Code Body Representative

Department of Labor & Industries

Melissa McBride, Chief for Contractor Compliance,
Bruce Springer, Plumbing Certification, Technical Specialist
Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor
Alisha Wells, Plumber Certification, Program Specialist 2

Guests

Michael Youngblood, Dennis Hamon, Matt Lavergne, Ben Bandel, Chris Palmer, Sarah Keck, Eric Panozzo, Matthew Defeo, Dan Hartsough, Brianna Gillespie, Andrew Gleixner, Kathy Thaut, Tami Riley, Dusty Hoerler, Jill Andrews, Chris Allred, Chris Allen, Jeremy Conner, Thomas Suwanmaneedang, Antonio Cruz, Mike Kunkel, Mason McClery, Jeff Johnson, Nathan Barus, David Cipruit, Jason Switzer, Derek Drake, Seth Thompson, Doug Johns, Jim Hitchcock, Shane Ramussen, Chad Lindley, Travis Toler, Tom Bozeman, Brad Moore, Tim Carr, Maria Carr

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022 are approved

Legislative Report RCW 18.106.070

Melissa read the RCW 18.106.070 section 8 to the assembled Board as a reminder that the subgroup will need to convene and review the effectiveness of the trainee ratio changes and provide a report to standing labor committees of the legislature before December 1st of each year.

Discussion followed

The Department can assist with faxing the completed report to the standing labor committee but the work group will have to evaluate and provide the completed report on the ratio change and how this has effected the industry.

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated the second quarter of 2022 there were 240 infractions written for \$92,600.00 and the third quarter there were 229 infractions written for \$83,900.00. The fourth quarter of 2022 there were 231 infractions written for \$97,400.00.

Discussion followed

Melissa stated a dashboard can be created for the next meeting to provide a high level view of the infractions for the next quarter.

Discussion followed

Question posed from guests; what should a contractor do if they are issued an infraction they do not believe is correct.

Answer provided; the contractor should appeal the infraction which will then be looked at further on a technical level.

Discussion followed

Chair proposed motion to have Labor and Industries suspend further infractions regarding Residential Service remote supervision until rules (WAC) has been completed. Motion was not seconded as Labor and Industries cannot stop the issuance of infractions.

Separate motion proposed by Ryan McMahan to request clarification on legislature for the Residential Service and remote supervision laws and rules. Motion was second and approved.

Melissa stated clarification will be requested of the Attorney General's office and provided at the next Board meeting.

IAPMO Update

Jed Scheuermann stated the 2024 UPC will be published by the end of the 1st quarter of 2023. The 2027 code is under development and there are currently room on the development committee for the 2027 code. Applications to join the development committee would be required by the end of January with technical meetings to start in May.

The next IAPMO conference will be in September this year, for those looking to participate in the conference you will need to an IAPMO member for a minimum of 6 months prior to the conference.

New Business

- Guest Matthew Lavergne relayed concerns with city and counties providing plumbing permits to non-Plumbing Contractors.
Discussion followed
- Board guests brought up concerns regarding affidavits hours submitted vs affidavits hours approved by the Plumber Certification program.
Discussion followed