



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022

Board Members

Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber
Dave Weisbeck, Public Member
Dave Weickum, Specialty Plumber
Scott Fowler, Specialty Plumbing Business
Todd Allred, Plumbing Business
Jed Scheuermann, Code Body Representative

Department of Labor & Industries

Melissa McBride, acting Chief for Contractor Compliance,
Bruce Springer, Plumbing Certification, Technical Specialist
Jesse Jameson, Contractor Registration, Technical Specialist
Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor
Annette Taylor, FPLS Assistant Deputy Director
Alicia Curry, FPLS Rules & Legislation Coordinator

Guests

Due to this meetings technical issues visitors were not recorded.

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021 meeting minutes approved

Inspections for King County & Seattle

Steve Heart presented status of the House Bill 1184 and its Companion Bill SB 5087 and the impact this will have on the plumbing industry.

Discussion followed

Todd Allred proposed motion: Plumbing Advisory Board makes request the Governor and Labor and Industries to make a recommendation that the House Bill 1184 and its Companion Bill SB 5087 include language to require that this work be performed by certified plumbers.

This motion was second and approved via majority vote of Board Members.

Bruce stated that Labor and Industries would perform a Bill Analysis on the House and Companion Bills.

Budget/Rules Update

Melissa McBride presented the projected budget for 2023 and discussed status of hiring for Plumbing Compliance Inspectors.

Discussion followed

Labor and Industries is moving forward with Contractor Registration fee increase. The 101 has been filed, the 102 was been proposed on 12/21/2021 and expected public hearing is for 1/25/2022.

The Plumber Certification rules is moving to phase 3, this will be defining the Quarterly Reporting. Filing the 101 is on 1/19/2022 and the expended hearing will be in June of 2022.

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated the third quarter of 2021 there were 153 infractions written for \$52, 200.00. For the fourth quarter of 2021 there were 160 infractions written for \$54,200.00.

Discussion followed

IAPMO Update

Jed Scheuermann stated IAPMO's offices are still currently closed to the public with virtual meetings continuing. The 2024 UPC update is currently underway.

New Business

Todd Allred discussed the State Building Code Council's vote to remove natural gasses as a resource for Commercial buildings.

Jed Scheuermann and Bruce Springer confirmed that natural gas does not fall under Plumbing in Washington.

Discussion followed.

Todd Allred proposed motion: Plumbing Advisory Board advises Labor and Industries to stand against the State Building Code Council vote from September of 2021 to eliminate natural gasses in commercial and residential buildings.

This motion was second and approved via majority vote of Board Members.

Discussion followed

Todd Allred also shared concerns with possible vaccination mandate for tradespersons and cautions the State that if the mandate is enacted there will be a significant loss of certified tradespeople in the Plumbing Industry.

Chairman Ed Holmes addressed that if a mandate were to occur Labor and Industries would keep the Advisory Board Informed, however Labor and Industries would have to follow the Governor's orders regarding mandates.

Discussion followed

Melissa McBride informed the Protect My Home campaign is starting focusing on the new Plumbing Contractor licensing and having Plumbers display their certification cards on their person. Once the commercial is finalized Melissa will share this with the Advisory Board. More information can also be found at ProtectMyHome.net .

Old Business

Chairman Ed Holmes addressed Plumber Certification testing and issues with testing proctor PSI stating that Labor and Industries is doing everything they can to resolve the issue.