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## ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes October 18, 2022

### **Board Members**

Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber  
Ryan McMahan, Plumbing Business  
Todd Allred, Plumbing Business  
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  
Jesse Jameson, Contractor Registration, Technical Specialist  
Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor  
Daina Shea, Contractor Compliance, Program Specialist 3  
Alisha Wells, Plumber Certification, Program Specialist 2

### **Guests**

Rob Boseman, Matt Lavergne, Chris Allred, Steve Simpson, Dave Saproot, Mark Wells, Jeremy Sandor, Brad Moore, Jamie Allen

### **Recruitment for Board Seats**

Melissa stated there are two Board Member seats open for applications. The position of the Board Chairman is also open and will be discussed during this meeting. Those interested in applying for the available member positions must submit a letter of interest and a background of competency for the positions. These letters can be sent to either Bruce Springer or Alisha Wells via email or mail. Three applications have been received and are awaiting review.

### **Approved Minutes**

Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022 are approved

### **Budget**

Melissa McBride presented the projected budget for 2023.

3 new Compliance Inspectors have been hired.

Expenditures for the budget go towards anything the program needs such as exam costs hiring etc.

Discussion followed

### **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.

Discussion followed

### **Quarterly Reporting**

Bruce discussed the need to hire two more technical specialist to help with the quarterly reporting as well as the need to complete the WAC rule for the reporting.

Bruce clarified that quarterly reporting is not the same as an affidavit of experience.

An affidavit is for the trainee to report the hours they have worked at the time of renewal for the previous year's worth of hours.

Quarterly reporting is done by the Plumbing Contractor to report all certified Plumbers and plumber trainee on staff at every quarter and how many hour those staff have worked during that quarter.

Discussion followed

### **Testing**

Bruce discussed testing with PSI has continued without many issues. There was an instance where a candidate was caught cheating. Further discussions with PSI will occur.

Discussion Followed

### **IAPMO Update**

Jed Scheuermann stated IAPMO's annual conference in Charlotte, NC was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The 2024 Codes and 2024 UMC will be moving forward for final ratification.

### **Old Business**

Plumbing TAG Recommendations – Todd stated a letter was drafted to the Building Code Council regarding the Plumbing Tag and the Board's recommendations.

Discussion followed

## **New Business**

- Guest Matthew Lavergne relayed concerns with delays on affidavit processing and the ability to contact the Plumbing Program. Matthew also expressed that due to the delayed processing he has sent trainee's out on jobs unsupervised to avoid the loss of the employee to another company.

Melissa discussed the process of training the program's new hire and to see once the new hire has been integrated how the program's backlog of items is fairing and if the need for further hiring is needed.

Discussion followed

- Chairman Ed Holmes stated this would be the last meeting he will be attending and a new Chairman will need to be selected for future meetings.

Ed nominated Todd Allred for the Chairman seat, nomination was second and approved by board. Todd Allred is now the Chairman for the Plumbing Advisory Board.

Melissa and Bruce gifted Ed Holmes a plaque to commemorate the time and commitment Ed has given to the Board.