

**MINUTES**  
**OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**  
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

**I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Brian A. Barrett  
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman  
Brian Feyerherm  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Terry Salem  
Amy L. Schaap

**Members Absent:**

Christopher P. Reed

**Others Present:**

Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department  
James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2014**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2014, meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Barrett, Feyerherm

Motion carried 4-0-2

**III. \*Approval of Renewal of Apprenticeship Program**

14-5-83

JTM Plumbing Service  
12616 S 218 Ave  
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST Renewal of approval of apprenticeship program  
49-244

Mr. John Miller presented before the Board to request renewal of apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller stated he hasn't had an apprentice for some time. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the renewal of approval of apprenticeship program for JTM Plumbing Service. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-5-84

JP Plumbing Company  
PO Box 460724  
Papillion NE 68046

REQUEST Renewal of approval of apprenticeship program  
49-244

Mr. Joe Perry presented before the Board to request renewal of apprenticeship program. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the renewal of approval of apprenticeship program for JP Plumbing Service. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

#### **IV. \* Apprenticeship Agreements**

Taylor J Shirk  
3701 McKinley Street Lot A39  
Omaha NE 68112

JTM Plumbing  
12616 S 218 Avenue  
Gretna NE 68028

Mr. Taylor Shirk appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 4-1-2014 in the apprenticeship program. The files are in order. Ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Taylor Shirk in the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of 4-1-2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

John P Herbert  
3129 S 144 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68144

JP Plumbing Company  
PO Box 460724  
Papillion NE 68046

Mr. John Herbert appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 4-14-2014 in the apprenticeship program. The files are in order. Ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. John Herbert in the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of 4-14-2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

Gregory M Barton-Perea  
3916 S 34 Street  
Omaha NE 68107

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer  
6262 Lindbergh Drive  
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Gregory Barton-Perea appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 1-6-2014 in the apprenticeship program. Ratios are in order. Mr. Barton-Perea does need to provide the Board with proof of employment for his file. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Gregory Barton-Perea in the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of 1-6-2014 with the stipulation of documentation of employment from his employer. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

Jared Bitzes  
2966 Martha Street  
Omaha NE 68105

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer  
6262 Lindbergh Drive  
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Jared Bitzes appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 4-17-2014 in the apprenticeship program. The ratios are in order. Mr. Bitzes does need to provide the Board with proof of employment for his file. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Jared Bitzes in the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of 4-17-2014 with the stipulation of documentation of employment from his employer. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

## V. \*Cases

14-5-85  
Patrick M O'Doherty  
19904 Elkhorn Ridge Dr  
Omaha NE 68022

REQUEST Reinstatement of expired journeyman license  
49-212

Mr. Pat O'Doherty appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his expired journeyman license for 2014. He is up-to-date on his 2013 continuing education hours. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. O'Doherty's request for reinstatement of his journeyman plumber license with the stipulation that he pay the quad fee penalty. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-5-86  
Michael Polk  
2712 S 8 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68124

REQUEST Waiver as regards public restroom

Location: 1602 Vinton Street

49-635

Mr. Michael Polk and Mr. Shumet Abebe appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards public restroom. This business will be used for alcohol and tobacco sales. No food will be sold. After discussion of the condition of the existing building, Mr. Estabrook made a motion: 1) to allow the use of the existing restroom without a urinal, 2) that signage must be displayed for public use upon request. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-5-87  
Jeanette Solberg  
5012 Leavenworth Street  
Omaha NE 68106

REQUEST Waiver as regards unisex restroom

Location: 5012 Leavenworth Street

49-631

Ms. Jeanette Solberg appeared before the Board requesting two waivers: 1) single sex restroom, and 2) a waiver for handicap accessibility. Mr. Miller stated the Plumbing Board cannot waive the ADA accessibility because that is a Federal law. Ms. Solberg thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to file Case 14-5-87. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-5-88  
Michael Bland  
2550 Avenue H  
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

REQUEST Reinstatement of expired journeyman license

49-212

Mr. Michael Bland appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his expired journeyman license for 2014. He is up-to-date on his 2013 continuing education hours. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Bland's request for reinstatement of his journeyman plumber license with the stipulation that he pay the quad fee penalty. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

**VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (2)**

Ronald Evans	T&K Plumbing	Completed
John Wageman	Able Plumbing	Completed

**VII. DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wonder asked the Board to set a public hearing for discussing the new plumbing code changes. They will discuss this further at the next meeting. Mr. Jay Davis, Assistant Planning Director and Superintendent of the Permits & Inspections Division discussed general information regarding the industry from a department standpoint. He also thanked the Plumbing Board members for their time and attention to the plumbing issues for the City.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to go into Executive Session at 2:07 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Plumbing examinations were reviewed. Executive session concluded at 2:55 pm.

\* = **APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING**

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