

MINUTES
OMAHA AIR CONDITIONING/AIR DISTRIBUTION BOARD

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 7, 2018
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor



Board Members:

Scott Falcone, Chair
Rick Fiscus
Nick Limpach
Kevin Toxword, Vice-Chair
Steve Widhalm

A notice of this meeting was published in The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha. A copy of the agenda is placed on file in the office of the Chief Mechanical Inspector of the Permits and Inspections Division. The secretary certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on July 31, 2018.

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

I. Roll Call

Scott Falcone
Rick Fiscus
Nick Limpach
Kevin Toxword
Steve Widhalm

Others Present:

Jim Oetter, Mechanical Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from July 3, 2018

Motion by Mr. Kevin Toxword to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Nick Limpach.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

III. Report from Chief Mechanical Inspector

Mr. Jim Oetter stated that there was nothing new to report.

IV. Request for Reciprocity

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| Ryan J Cartwright 313 Elm St Box 483 Tabor, IA 51653 | Master Residential | Comfort Products Distributing 13202 I St Omaha, NE 68137 |
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Request for layover on 8/2/18

Mr. Falcone stated that this request was withdrawn at this time.

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| Joseph D Gyhra 7390 W Middle Rd Raymond, NE 68428 | Master Commercial | Falcon Heating & Air Conditioning Inc 4520 N 48 St Lincoln, NE 68504 |
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Mr. Joseph Gyhra appeared and is requesting reciprocity of his City of Lincoln Master Commercial ACAD license. He stated that he was awarded a job from Bennington based on information that they would need to permit through Bennington. He stated that he then found out that he would have to permit through the City of Omaha. He stated that he is requesting reciprocity because he has been in the field his entire life. He summarized his work history, education history, and locations where he's worked in and around Lincoln and now wants to be part of the Omaha community. He stated he is on a tight schedule and if he does not get reciprocity then he will lose out on the job.

Mr. Falcone stated the protocol for granting reciprocity. Mr. Gyhra stated he took the eight hour Lincoln exam. Mr. Falcone stated that there is no way to compare the City of Lincoln exam with our exam. Mr. Limpach stated he wished there was something they could do, but the way the code is written they aren't able to do anything. Ms. Laura Gyhra asked if the code could be read again. There is discussion about the code and the two options which both state the need for the presence of an exam score. Mr. Falcone stated that the City of Omaha and the state of Iowa exams were identical exams. Mr. Limpach stated that granting a temporary would not apply because of the stipulations in the code. There is consensus that Mr. Gyhra meets the requirement to test. Ms. Gyhra wanted to make sure the letter from the City of Lincoln was in the packet. Mr. Toxword stated the problem with the shared test was their created portion of the test. Mr. Limpach stated that the City of Lincoln does not reciprocate with the City of Omaha license and there is no way to verify the similarities between the two exams. Mr. Jim Oetter stated that Lincoln does not see our exams as similar to their exam, so the precedent has been set. Ms. Gyhra wants to dispute that it could be similar. Mr. Steve Widhalm clarified the point that the City of Lincoln does not view the exam as similar.

Mr. Limpach asked if he has any other masters are working for him that are licensed in the City of Omaha. Mr. Gyhra stated he was prepared to staff the job. Mr. Falcone stated that they would need to meet the ratio. Mr. Gyhra stated he would be on the job site. There is discussion about previous exceptions. Ms. Gyhra asked if the Board had the legal authority to say the exams are similar between Lincoln and Omaha. Mr. Falcone stated that based on the precedent. Mr. Limpach stated that we don't have a test to determine if they are similar, if the Board had the test they would have the authority to say the exams are similar. There is discussion about whether or not the City of Lincoln reciprocates with the City of Omaha. Ms. Gyhra stated that the contract deadline is today. She asked if anyone had a conversation with the Bennington employee that gave them misinformation. The Board stated that we don't have authority over Bennington.

Mr. Gyhra stated he'd lose this job but would still want the opportunity to test.

Motion by Mr. Widhalm to deny reciprocation. Second by Mr. Rick Fiscus.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Reciprocation denied

Motion by Mr. Limpach to allow to test. Second by Mr. Fiscus.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

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| Jonathan R Marshall 7251 S 145 St Apt #28 Omaha, NE 68138 | Journeyman Commercial | Standard Heating and Air Conditioning 11746 Portal Rd La Vista, NE 68128 |
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Mr. Jonathan Marshall appeared requesting reciprocation of his exam score from the City of Bellevue.

Motion by Mr. Limpach to approve reciprocity for his Journeyman Commercial ACAD license. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

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| Kiley J Smith 1620 Kennedy Dr Lincoln, NE 68521 | Master Residential | E.M.I.T. Inc. 1620 Kennedy Dr Lincoln, NE 68521 |
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Mr. Kiley Smith appeared before the Board requesting reciprocity for his ICC test score. He stated that he believes the testing in Omaha is better than Lincoln's, it holds people accountable to test. He stated he's been in this field for his whole life and just wants to get in the area. He hopes that one day Lincoln and Omaha would be able to reciprocate with each other at some point. He stated that if he can't get reciprocity that he would want approval to test. Mr. Limpach stated that he qualifies to test.

Motion by Mr. Widhalm to deny reciprocity. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Reciprocity denied

Motion by Mr. Widhalm to approve testing. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

V. Applications to Test

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| Christopher Sabella 7005 Ivy Lane Dr La Vista, NE 68128 | Journeyman | A-1 United Heating and Air 4972 F St Omaha, NE 68117 |
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Mr. Christopher Sabella did not appear. Mr. Widhalm stated there was not enough information supplied to verify his work history.

Motion by Mr. Widhalm to deny, requesting additional information. Second by Mr. Fiscus.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Denied

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| Charles R Lancaster 303 Cairo St Memphis, NE 68042 | Journeyman | Sol Lewis Engineering 8808 J St Omaha, NE 68127 |
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Mr. Falcone stated that Mr. Charles Lancaster works for him. Mr. Lancaster did not appear. Mr. Falcone stated he was waiting on his state of Iowa information. There is discussion about approving to test now and then getting his Iowa scores and the possibility of laying the application over.

Motion by Mr. Toxword to layover pending Iowa test score being received. Second by Mr. Fiscus.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

VI. Apprentice Applications

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| 1. Benes, Tom L | 6. Miller, Jeremy T |
| 2. Groves, Wyatt D | 7. Miller, Jordan L |
| 3. Hilger, Joe W | 8. Pfeiffer, Nathan S |
| 4. Jenkins, Joshua | 9. Sedlacek, Cooper W |
| 5. Land, Christopher M | 10. Solorzano-Sanchez, Edgar O |

Motion by Mr. Fiscus to approve the above ten (10) apprentices. Second by Mr. Widhalm.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

VII. Inactive License

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| Randy Brower 3821 North 200 West Hyde Park, UT 84318 | LIC-1601458 |
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Motion by Mr. Widhalm to put in inactive status. Second by Mr. Limpach.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

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VIII. Relocation of Master License

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| Aaron Matsuzaki 13804 Drexel Cir Omaha, NE 68137 | LIC-1700760 |
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There is discussion about where the applicant was working and where he wants to be.

Motion by Mr. Limpach to approve the relocation of Mr. Aaron Matsuzaki’s master license. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

IX. Approval of Continuing Education

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| Air Management Supply 12302 Cary Cir La Vista, NE 68128 | Rheem Top Tech Heat Pumps 4 hours CEU Instructor: Chris Hughes |
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Mr. Toxword stated that everything appeared to be there. Mr. Chris Hughes s

Motion by Mr. Limpach to approve for 4 hours. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Approved

Mr. Hughes asked if there was another class as well. Ms. Drickey stated she will have to check into that.

Mr. Hughes asked what the class number would be. Ms. Drickey stated it would most likely be 2018-6, but would have to verify with Mr. Phipps.

X. Prometric Scores

- Commercial Air Conditioning
 - Coronado, Juan A – 63%
 - Dacken, Dustin F – 60%
- Master Sheet Metal
 - Coronado, Juan A – 55%
 - Herrera, Aaron – 62%
- Journeyman Unlimited A/C
 - Coronado, Juan A – 55%
 - Perry, Michael R – 73%
 - Fleck, Benjamin K – 62%
 - Gillotte, Dana – 74%
 - Norton, Michael P – 87%
 - Sorenson, Michael A – 84%
 - Stock, Gregory B – 85%
- Journeyman Limited A/C
 - Younglove, Steven R – 50%
- Journeyman Sheet Metal
 - Fleck, Benjamin K – 58%
 - Miner, Matt J – 50%
 - Norris, Nick H – 55%
- No Show
 - Larson, Trent D

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XI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Limpach to adjourn. Second by Mr. Toxword.

AYES: Falcone, Fiscus, Limpach, Toxword, Widhalm

Motion carried 5-0, Adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

***APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.**

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