MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting - Wednesday, May 13, 2009
1:30 PM - City/County Building - 1819 Farnam Street
Room 1204 - Twelfth Floor

I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
George E. Killian
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:
Cataldo A. Leo

Others Present: Jim Wonder, Planning Department
Doug Clark, Douglas County Health Department

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Leddy made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

III. *Cases

9-4-50 From 4/8/09
Matthew Kean
17103 Jessica Lane
Gretna NE 68028

REQUEST: Reinstatement of expired Journeyman Plumber's license.

49-212

April 8, 2009:

Matthew Kean appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his Journeyman plumber's license. Mr. Miller stated that according to the file, Mr. Kean has not renewed his license since 2004.

Mr. Kean explained that he did not receive a renewal letter from the City for 2004. When his license was not renewed, his name was removed from the system. He received no letters after that time. Mr. Miller inquired as to why Mr. Kean had not contacted the City. Mr. Kean cited personal problems, and stated that contacting the City had not occurred to him. Mr. Kean has been working as a journeyman plumber without a license since 2005.
Mr. Miller read a statement from the Plumbing Board Secretary, citing that she had informed the applicant on March 24, 2009 that she was unable to renew his license due to the lapse in renewal, and that he would need to appear before the Board for reinstatement, or make an application to retake the Journeyman plumber exam.

Mr. Miller examined Mr. Kean’s continuing education hours for the period of 2004 through 2008. Although Mr. Kean did not have a license, he attended continuing education during these years, with a shortage in hours for 2004 and 2008. Mr. Kean completed twelve hours of continuing education for 2005; he requested that in addition to reinstating his license, the Board allow these extra hours to be dispersed so that his continuing education hours could be reconciled.

Mr. Leo and Mr. Miller inquired as to why Mr. Kean had not contacted the City sooner. Mr. Kean stated that he kept hoping to receive a renewal notice, and was unsure of what to do to resolve the situation; when no renewal notice came this year, Mr. Kean decided to contact the Plumbing Board Secretary.

Mr. Miller stated that he holds licenses in multiple cities, and if he were late in renewing one of his licenses, he would be required to retest. Mr. Miller restated his curiosity as to why Mr. Kean waited four years to contact the City.

Mr. Wonder stated that until 2007, the Plumbing Code stated that all licenses must be renewed by December 31 of each year, with a 30 day grace period in which to renew licenses. The Plumbing Board experienced a rash of cases requesting reinstatement in that year. At that time, the Board discussed whether or not these applicants were any less competent in the profession, despite the fact that they had not renewed their licenses in the time allowed. The Plumbing Code now allows a grace period through March 31st of each year. Mr. Wonder stated that the code does not require that an applicant appearing before the Board must retake the exam; however, the Board can vote to require Mr. Kean to retest. Mr. Wonder further explained that the code could be refined in future to be clearer; however, the Plumbing Division recommended that Mr. Kean’s license be reinstated at this time, subject to the quad fee required by the Plumbing Code. Mr. Miller stated his agreement with Mr. Wonder’s recommendation.

Mr. Miller stated that he would entertain a motion to reinstate Mr. Kean’s license; however, he would not support moving Mr. Kean’s continuing education hours. Mr. Miller suggested that the Board allow Mr. Kean additional time in 2009 to make up his missing three hours, as they have done with similar cases in the past year.

Motion by Mr. Leddy to give Mr. Kean until July 1, 2009 to make up his three missing hours of continuing education. Once these hours have been made up, Mr. Kean must reappear before the board in order to request reinstatement of his license. Seconded by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0
**May 13, 2009:**

Matthew Kean reappeared before the Plumbing Board to request reinstatement of his Journeyman Plumber license. Mr. Kean attended a four hour Plumbing Code (Article VI) class with Jim Wonder on April 29, 2009. Mr. Kean has made up his missing three hours of continuing education.

Motion by Mr. Reed to reinstate Mr. Kean’s journeyman plumber license. As per section 49-212 of the Plumbing Code, Mr. Kean must pay a late reissuance fee equal to four times the original license issuance fee. Motion seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

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**REQUEST:** Waiver of various sections in Chapter 49 to allow the use of a portable classroom without plumbing.

Matt Korte with Concordia Jr./Sr. High School appeared before the Board requesting a waiver of various sections of Chapter 49 to allow the use of a portable trailer containing two classrooms without plumbing.

The proposed trailer will be located approximately 20 feet from the entrance doors of the main building, and students will be in these classrooms for a maximum of 45 minutes at a time.

Motion to approve the use of the proposed portable classrooms without plumbing by Mr. Killian, for the term of one (1) year. Concordia Jr./Sr. High School must reappear before the Board yearly to seek reapproval of this waiver. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

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**REQUEST:** Reinstatement of expired Journeyman Plumber's license.

Don McCoid appeared before the Plumbing Board to request reinstatement of his expired Journeyman Plumber's license. Mr. McCoid’s license expired December 31, 1999; he was missing 72 hours of continuing education.
According to the Plumbing Board Secretary’s records, Mr. McCoid has made up a total of forty-one (41) hours of continuing education.

Mr. McCoid offered to the Board a letter from Theresa Ptacek with ABC Education Center, which certified that Mr. McCoid taught Plumbing Level II classes from September 2000 to April 2001.

The Plumbing Board typically grants eight hours of continuing education credit for City inspectors, school instructors, and Plumbing Board members.

After some debate regarding the number of hours to grant Mr. McCoid for his time at ABC Education Center, Mr. McCoid stated that he would be willing to take an additional eight hours of continuing education this year, should this meet with the Board’s approval. These hours will be in addition to the eight hours of continuing education required yearly by the Plumbing Code for Journeyman plumbers. The Board agreed to Mr. McCoid’s proposal.

Motion by Mr. Killian to reinstate Mr. McCoid’s Journeyman plumber license effective immediately. Mr. McCoid must complete 16 hours of Plumbing Code continuing education classes between today’s date and January 1, 2010. As per section 49-212 of the Plumbing Code, Mr. Kean must pay a late reissuance fee equal to four times the original license issuance fee. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

NAYS: Leddy

Motion carried 5-1

II. Journeyman Plumber Examinations to be given Tuesday, May 12th and Wednesday, May 13th:

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III.   **Master Plumber Examinations to be given Tuesday, May 12th and Wednesday, May 13th**

Michael J Curphey  
2123 Dana Lane  
Papillion NE 68133  
Taylor Plumbing Inc.  
8818 Washington St  
Ralston NE 68127
IV.  **Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examinations to be given Tuesday, May 12th**

- Nicholas Merriman
  - 2236 N 127 Cr
  - Omaha NE 68164
  - Controlled Rain
  - 16201 Fort Street
  - Omaha NE 68144

V.  **Water Conditioning Contractor Examinations to be given Wednesday, May 13th**

- Neil Knauss
  - Neil’s Water Conditioning
  - 3032 Overton Avenue
  - Logan IA 51546

VI.  **Sewer Layer Examinations to be given Wednesday, May 13**

- Troy Antisdel
  - Becker Trenching & Water
  - 7562 Hayes Circle
  - Ralston NE 68127
  - 7860 F Street
  - Omaha NE 68157

- Randy Beauchamp
  - Samson Construction
  - 8256 S 151 St
  - Omaha NE 68138
  - 2476 N River Lane
  - Omaha NE 68112

- Michael Berten
  - Dave Janke Plumbing Inc
  - 1524 N 104 Plaza
  - Omaha NE 68117
  - 15013 Grover St.
  - Omaha, NE 68144

- Demetrius Blackwell
  - Dave Janke Plumbing Inc
  - 11017 Sleepy Hollow Lane
  - Omaha NE 68152
  - 15013 Grover St.
  - Omaha, NE 68144
Jeremy Carnako  
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Bellevue NE 68005  

Eyman Plumbing  
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La Vista NE 68128

Aaron Clements  
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Lincoln NE 68512  

Landscapes Unlimited, LLC  
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Mike French

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Justin Rohrer

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Scott Samson

Robert Showers  
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Missouri Valley IA 51555  

Mr. Rooter Plumbing  
14634 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144
VII. Apprenticeship Renewals (1)

Chad Rau Thomas Plumbing Metro

Motion to approve apprentice renewals by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

VIII. Discussion

On April 23, 2008, the Plumbing Board approved policies that called for quarterly rather than monthly testing for those applicants wishing to obtain licenses. At that time, it was determined that quarterly testing would be approved for the span of one year, with the stipulation that Mr. Wonder report back to the Board on the progress of the new system. The quarterly testing system was put into place on July 1, 2008. (See April 9, 2008 and April 29, 2008 minutes for more complete information).

Mr. Wonder reported there have been some problems as the Plumbing Division and applicants adjusted to the new system. However, Mr. Wonder feels that the new policy of testing four times per year is working well, and would like to leave the quarterly testing system in place. The Board agreed to leave the quarterly testing system in place.

IX. Executive Session

Mr. Wonder requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss testing.

Motion by Mr. Killian to go into executive session to discuss testing. Seconded by Mr. Leddy. Board entered executive session at 2:17 PM.
X. **Adjournment**

At 2:30, the meeting adjourned by mutual consent of the Board.

* Applicant must be present at meeting

A full, continually current agenda is available for public inspection in Room 1110 of the Omaha/Douglas Civic Center during normal business hours.

The Omaha Plumbing Board reserves the right to modify the agenda at the public meeting.

If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.

Applications for the meeting to be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 27 are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, May 14.

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