I. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Jeff O. Estabrook  
George E. Killian  
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman  
Cataldo A. Leo  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Daniel J. Wellendorf  

Members Absent:  
Christopher P. Reed  

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

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes  

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.  

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Wellendorf  
ABSTAIN: Leo  

Motion carried 5-0-1

III. *Cases  

9-8-82 From 8/12/09  
Paul B Frazier  
The Frazier Co.  
14830 B Circle  
Omaha NE 68144  
REQUEST: Approval of Provider.

49-215  
Paul Frazier with The Frazier Company appeared before the Board in order to request approval of Provider, approval of Instructor and approval of Continuing Education classes.  

Mr. Miller reviewed the application file in regards to Mr. Frazier’s request for approval as a Provider. Mr. Frazier received his Master Plumber license in 1973, and has served on numerous boards and committees related to the plumbing field. Mr. Frazier submitted a list detailing this service with his application.  

MOTION to approve Paul Frazier as a Provider by Mr. Wellendorf. Seconded by Mr. Leo.  

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

Motion passed 6-0
Mr. Wonder inquired of Mr. Frazier as to why Larry Gardner of The Frazier Company was not chosen as the Instructor for these proposed classes. Mr. Frazier is the head of a company that works in various fields, and Mr. Wonder stated that, as the head of the Plumbing Division of Frazier Company, Larry Gardner may have been a more appropriate choice as Instructor.

Mr. Frazier outlined his agenda for his proposed continuing education classes, and detailed for the Board members the process that he uses to determine which subjects to review for his company’s code review classes. Mr. Frazier outlined the equipment available in The Frazier Company training facility, and stated that although he would be the Instructor for the proposed continuing education classes, Larry Gardner would be present to assist him.

Mr. Estabrook asked Mr. Frazier whether he had any experience teaching at Metro Community College, or if he carried any certifications to teach. Mr. Frazier replied that he had been asked to teach at Metro in the past, but had to decline due to scheduling conflicts.

**MOTION** to approve Paul Frazier as an Instructor in the Omaha Plumbing Code by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion passed 6-0

The Board reviewed Mr. Frazier’s application materials for his requested continuing education classes. Mr. Frazier proposed to hold classes on three nights, with two classes to be three hours in length and the remaining class to be two hours in length. Mr. Frazier stated that he would submit to Mr. Wonder and the Board Secretary a revised agenda with updated class dates.

**MOTION** by Mr. Killian to approve continuing education class curriculum for August 15th as submitted and October 13th as submitted; Mr. Frazier must submit to the Board Secretary and Mr. Wonder an updated curriculum for the September 19th continuing education class, and must supply to the Board Secretary finalized dates on which all three classes will occur. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion passed 6-0

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**REQUEST:** Waiver of section 49-636, fixture requirements.

Jesse Calabretto
Calabretto Building Group Inc.
2804 S 87 Av
Omaha NE 68124

Jesse Calabretto appeared before the Board in representation of Drs. Laura and Vincent Roth in order to request a waiver of section 49-636, fixture requirements. Mr. Calabretto’s clients wish to ask the Board to allow one restroom in their building to be considered a private restroom that is not ADA compliant.

Mr. Wonder advised the Board to take no action on this case, as the Building Code will override any action that the Board could possibly take. The Plumbing Board cannot waive ADA requirements.

The Board advised Mr. Calabretto to contact Greg Hauptman in the Planning Department regarding this issue.

Motion by Mr. Leddy to place this case on file. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 6-0
REQUEST: Approval of apprenticeship curriculum.

Lyle Hendrickson with Metropolitan Community College appeared before the Board in order to request approval of apprentice curriculum for the 2009-2010 school years. Mr. Hendrickson submitted with his application a copy of the curriculum for the plumbing program offered at Metro.

Mr. Wonder stated that he had been in close communication with Mr. Hendrickson in regards to the proposed curriculum for apprentice plumbers. Mr. Hendrickson stated that this year’s curriculum has been modified to include a greater emphasis on math for first-year apprentices. This year’s program will also include more visual learning than was offered in the past.

Motion to approve curriculum as submitted by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 6-0

REQUEST: Approval of Provider.

Gary King appeared before the Board. Mr. King cited the numerous changes to water heaters in the past ten years, and the need for updated information and training to be made available to local plumbers as his reasoning for requesting approval of Provider, Instructor and Continuing Education Class.

Mr. Wonder inquired whether Mr. King’s class is being hosted by Progressive Reps, or is being given at one of the local supply houses. Mr. King replied that the proposed classes will take place at the Georgetowne Club near 144th and West Center Roads, and is being hosted by his company and AO Smith, and is not being offered through a local supply house.

MOTION to approve Progressive Reps, Inc. as a Provider of continuing education for State, American, and AO Smith water heaters by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 6-0

Mr. King stated that his proposed class would be taught by Frank Boyd, who has 30 years experience in teaching continuing education classes for State, AO Smith and American water heaters. Mr. Boyd is located in Tennessee, and will be traveling to Omaha in order to teach this class. Mr. King will assist Mr. Boyd as necessary but he will not be instructing these classes.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division recommended approval of Frank Boyd as an Instructor, as Mr. Boyd has a long and excellent reputation in continuing education training.

MOTION to approve Frank Boyd as an Instructor for AO Smith, State, and American water heaters by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion passed 6-0
Mr. King requested that the Board grant him a waiver to allow a maximum of 150 people in this class, as he expecting attendees from as far away as North Platte. This class will take place on October 27, 2009, and will consist of a morning and afternoon session. There will be a $20.00 fee to register for the class, which will be returned to the attendee upon successful completion of the class.

Mr. King requested that each session be granted two hours of continuing education credit for a total of four hours continuing education credit. Mr. Wonder and Mr. Leo requested to attend and review this class.

**MOTION** by Mr. Killian to grant a total of four hours continuing education credit for the proposed class, at two hours per session. A limit of 200 persons may attend this class. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

**AYES:** Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

Motion passed 6-0

**IV. **

*Hearing for Possible Revocation or Suspension of License*

9-8-86
Dennis Fitzgerald
1450 South 18th Street
Omaha NE 68108

REQUEST: Hearing for possible revocation or suspension of Journeyman plumber’s license.

49-215

Dennis Fitzgerald appeared before the Plumbing Board. Mr. Wonder advised the Board that any comments or questions should be directed to the Chairman of the Plumbing Board. Mr. Wonder advised Mr. Miller as Chairman that Mr. Fitzgerald was asked to appear before the Board due to a four hour shortfall in his required continuing education hours.

The Board Secretary advised Mr. Miller that since the date Mr. Fitzgerald was sent notification to appear for this hearing, Mr. Fitzgerald has attended four hours of approved continuing education. These four hours could be moved today at the Board’s direction to fulfill Mr. Fitzgerald’s missing continuing education hours, leaving Mr. Fitzgerald with no hours of continuing education completed in 2009. Mr. Fitzgerald would then have until December 31, 2009 to attend eight hours of continuing education.

Mr. Killian inquired what Mr. Fitzgerald’s plans were to complete his 2009 continuing education requirement. Mr. Fitzgerald replied that he would remain in contact with the Board Secretary in order to learn when classes are available.

Mr. Leddy inquired as to when Mr. Fitzgerald first appeared before the Board. The Board Secretary informed Mr. Miller that Mr. Fitzgerald appeared before the Plumbing Board February 27, 2008 and was granted ninety days to complete his 2007 continuing education requirement. Mr. Fitzgerald did not complete his 2007 continuing education requirement during ninety day period. Mr. Fitzgerald was sent notice to attend Jim Wonder’s Continuing Education Make-up class that following summer.

Mr. Miller read from the case file that Mr. Fitzgerald attended Jim Wonder’s continuing education make-up class during the summer of 2008 and received eight hours of continuing education credit. Four of these hours were applied to Mr. Fitzgerald’s 2005 continuing education requirement, and the remaining four hours were applied to Mr. Fitzgerald’s 2007 continuing education requirement. Mr. Fitzgerald completed no additional continuing education hours in 2007, which left him with a deficit of four hours in 2007.
Mr. Killian inquired as to whether Mr. Fitzgerald was currently employed in the plumbing field, and how many hours Mr. Fitzgerald had worked as a plumber in the past year. Mr. Fitzgerald replied that he was not currently employed, and had worked no hours within the plumbing field this year. Mr. Killian inquired as to why the Board should allow Mr. Fitzgerald to continue to maintain his license if he is not actively employed in the plumbing field. Mr. Fitzgerald replied that he has been a Journeyman plumber since 1999, and that he has been in contact with numerous shops, but has been unable to obtain work.

Mr. Leddy inquired as to why Mr. Fitzgerald did not complete his 2007 continuing education requirement when the Board gave him an extension of ninety days. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he was given six months to complete his 2007 continuing education requirement, not ninety days. Mr. Wonder stated that if the Board would like to hold this case over to their next meeting, the Board Secretary would research the Plumbing Board files from that time period to see what continuing education classes were available to Mr. Fitzgerald during his ninety day extension, and would check the minutes from the February 27, 2008 meeting of the Plumbing Board to see if more than ninety days was given to Mr. Fitzgerald in order to complete his 2007 continuing education requirement.

Mr. Leo inquired as to Mr. Fitzgerald’s reason for not completing his continuing education requirement. Mr. Fitzgerald replied that he was not certain due to the amount of time that has passed, but that it might have been due to continuing education hours not being available.

Mr. Leo stated that based on Mr. Fitzgerald’s past performance, the Board was not confident that Mr. Fitzgerald would complete his 2009 continuing education hours. Mr. Killian inquired of the Board Secretary as to classes currently available for continuing education credit. The Board Secretary reviewed upcoming classes at Mr. Killian’s request. Mr. Killian stated that Mr. Fitzgerald has shown a pattern of not completing continuing education hours, and has not shown a good effort to maintain his license.

Motion to hold this case over to the September 9, 2009 meeting of the Plumbing Board by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion passed 6-0

V. Plumbing Examinations to be Graded

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VI. Discussion

Mr. Wonder stated that due to illness, he did not have a final draft of the proposed plumbing code changes prepared for the Board. Mr. Wonder requested that the Board move the scheduled Public Hearing for proposed Code changes to the October 7, 2009 meeting of the Omaha Plumbing Board. After some discussion, the Board agreed to move this public hearing to the October 7, 2009 meeting of the Plumbing Board. A vote on these changes would then potentially take place on October 21st.

The Board then discussed further clarification of requirements for continuing education. Mr. Miller discussed the possibility of adding language to the Code to clarify these requirements.

VII. Executive Session

Mr. Wonder requested that the Board go into Executive Session in order to grade plumbing examinations.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion passed 6-0. Board entered Executive Session at 10:38 AM.
VIII.  Adjourn

Board adjourned by mutual consent at 11:25 AM.

* = 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, June 10 are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, May 28.

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