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

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

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to nominate David W Miller as Chairman and Patrick B Leddy as vice-chairman. Seconded by Mr. Killian

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

Motion carried 5-0-2

III. Approval of Minutes

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

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

Motion carried 7-0

IV. *Cases

9-12-127 From 12/16/2009
Kathy Brazer
8303 N 230th St
Elkhorn NE 68022

REQUEST: Waiver of Section 49-925, Vacuum Drainage System.

December 16, 2009:
Kathy Brazer appeared before the Board to request a waiver of Section 49-925, Vacuum Drainage System. Ms. Brazer is in the process of opening a dog kennel and grooming facility, and wishes to use a vacuum system to remove liquid waste only from the floors of the building.
Ms. Brazer stated in her application to the Board that the building she has leased for her business is a commercial building in a low-lying area, and a traditional gravity flow drainage system would destroy the integrity of the specially designed and heavily reinforced floor. Her landlord does not want holes to be cut in the floor, as this could allow groundwater to seep into the building.

Mr. Wonder stated that groundwater seepage is a problem in the area, and confirmed that this floor of the building is heavily reinforced with sand, polycarbonate, and rebar. Mr. Leddy inquired as to why this building had such a thick floor; Mr. Wonder replied that the building was once a cabinet shop, and stored lumber.

Ms. Brazer presented information to the Board on the type of vacuum system she wishes to use in her business. The system would be used for liquid waste; solid waste would be removed from the area by hand before liquids were vacuumed up. The system sprays a disinfectant onto the floor; this disinfectant and liquid waste would be simultaneously removed by the vacuum. This system has a filter which would catch any potential solids vacuumed up by the system, such as dog hair or kibble.

Mr. Clark inquired whether this system would empty to a public sewer or to a septic system. Ms. Brazer replied that the building is connected to a public sewer.

Mr. Killian inquired as to how many kennels Ms. Brazer proposes to install in the building. Ms. Brazer replied that they will be installing 34 kennels in the space they have rented. A drawing of this space was submitted with Ms. Brazer’s application, showing the location of the proposed vacuum system ports.

Mr. Wonder stated that due to the floor in this building, the Plumbing Division would support this waiver.

Mr. Killian stated his belief that the City cannot require Ms. Brazer to install floor drains in the building, and suggested that Ms. Brazer could still operate her business with the use of mops and shop vacs. Mr. Killian inquired as to why Ms. Brazer wished to use this system; Ms. Brazer stated that the vacuum system she wishes to install uses less water and is far more sanitary than the system that Mr. Killian proposed.

Mr. Estabrook stated his concern that employees of the business would neglect to remove solid wastes before using the proposed vacuum system, and this would cause a breakdown or clog.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the installation of the proposed wet/dry Aqua Air vacuum system for this facility only; the use of this system is restricted to this building and for a pet grooming operation only. This waiver is contingent upon receipt of final plans (“shop drawing”) of the system to be installed in the building from the occupant to the plumbing division.

Mr. Reed inquired as to the type of material to be used. According to Ms. Brazer’s information, the system uses PVC piping; Omaha Plumbing Code would not allow the use of this material. Mr. Miller stated that he would like information from the company regarding the availability of alternate types of materials for this system.

Mr. Reed withdrew his motion for approval, and made a motion to hold this case over to the next meeting of the Board in order to allow the manufacturer to submit information regarding available alternate materials. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion carried 7-0

January 13, 2010:
Kathy Brazer re-appeared before the Board as requested. Mr. Wonder stated that he had contacted the manufacturer of the proposed vacuum system. The manufacturer indicated that they could in fact supply this system in CPVC plastic, as the Board had hoped. Mr. Wonder stated the need to find the proper coupling between the CPVC and the outlet boxes/ports. Mr. Wonder stated that the manufacturer was unable to provide “shop” drawings of the installed system – installation would be performed by Ms. Brazer’s plumbing contractor. Mr. Wonder stated that backflow prevention would need to be installed on the vacuum’s water supply line.
Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the proposed vacuum drainage system, for this business only at this location only, contingent upon 1) that the system be installed per manufacturers installation instructions, and is installed using CPVC piping; 2) that the system be installed by a licensed Omaha plumber; 3) that the fittings between the CPVC piping and the vacuum outlet boxes be approved by the Plumbing Division; 4) that a CPVC p-trap hard connection with clean out be installed on the system; and 5) that the water supplies for the system be protected with an RP backflow preventers. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 7-0

9-12-126 From 12/16/2009
Virginia Anderson
1920 Dorcas St
Omaha NE 68108

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.
49-1510

December 16, 2009:

Virginia Anderson was not present.

Motion to hold this case over to the next meeting of the Board by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion carried 7-0

January 13, 2010:

Virginia Anderson appeared before the Board.

Mr. Miller read from the application file that the proposed well will be used for watering livestock only. The residence on this property is currently supplied with water from the Papio Natural Resources District.

Neither MUD nor Papio Natural Resource District opposed the installation of the proposed well. Doug Clark stated that the Douglas County Health Department had no objection to this waiver for the proposed use.

Mr. Wonder stated that Omaha plumbing code requires that there be no connection between the well and the residential water supply, and that backflow prevention must be installed on both the well and the residential water lines.

Motion by Mr. Reed to grant waiver, contingent upon the installation of backflow prevention on both the well and residential water lines, and that there be no connection between the well and the residential water supply. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 7-0
REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Fred Korth
6596 S 118th St
Omaha NE 68137

Bill Condon with Jensen Well appeared before the Board.

Mr. Miller read from the application file that the proposed well will be used to supply a geothermal heat pump. This well has already been excavated.

Mr. Wonder stated that the residence is currently supplied with water by the City of Waterloo. The City of Omaha inspected the area and found that the well was connected to a swimming pool and a lawn sprinkler system on the property, and ordered the homeowner to remove these connections. The homeowner complied and is now requesting that the well be used to supply a geothermal heat pump only.

Doug Clark stated that the Health Department had no objection to the proposed use, providing that the well was not reconnected to the swimming pool or irrigation system. Mr. Wonder asked that the Board specify in its motion that the well is to be used for supply of a geothermal heat pump only, and is not to be connected to the swimming pool or for irrigation of the property. Also, the owner must install backflow prevention on the well and the residential water supply.

Motion by Mr. Reed to grant waiver. This well is for supply of geothermal heat pump only; backflow prevention is to be installed on both the well and the residential water system at the property. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion passed 7-0

REQUEST: Waiver of Section 49-636 Table 3 Note 9: Restaurants shall be required to have restrooms in the space occupied.

Kylan Block
RDG Planning & Design
900 Farnam St Ste 900
Omaha NE 68102

October 21, 2009:
Mr. Reed recused himself and appeared for Kylan Block. Mr. Reed stated that this request for a waiver is for the main floor level of the Paxton Hotel building. The Paxton Hotel building is a mixed-use development, with retail space on the main floor. Mr. Reed submitted for the Board’s review plans for the proposed Crane Coffee Diner, and explained that he is requesting a waiver of fixture count requirements. Mr. Reed cited a waiver previously granted by the Board for the Paxton Chop House on the same level of the building, which allowed the use of restrooms located in the main lobby of the hotel in lieu of having the required number of restrooms within the restaurant. Mr. Reed would like the Board to grant a similar waiver for the Crane Coffee Café.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division has received numerous complaints from Paxton Chop House customers who attempted to access the main lobby restrooms only to find that the building owner had locked them. Mr. Wonder stated that due to these past problems with access, the Plumbing Division recommended denial of this waiver. Mr. Wonder requested that the Board require the owner to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked as part of any waiver granted.

Mr. Reed stated that he had had a conversation with the owner of the Paxton Hotel building. The owner indicated to Mr. Reed that he would be willing to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked. Mr. Killian inquired as to why the owner was locking the lobby restrooms at all; and stated that he would suggest that the owner be required to remove the locks on the door to the restrooms if a waiver were granted.

Mr. Reed stated that he could obtain a letter from the Paxton Hotel building owner which would state his intent to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked.
Motion by Mr. Leddy to hold this case over to the next meeting of the Board, pending receipt of a letter from the Paxton Hotel building owner regarding access to the main lobby restrooms. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1

November 4, 2009:
Mr. Kylan. Block of RDG Planning and Design and Mr. Mike Moylan of Shamrock Development appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the minutes of the last meeting for the other Board members, and stated that this case had been held over to today’s meeting pending receipt of a letter from the Paxton Hotel building owners stating that restrooms would be unlocked and made available for use of the public during operating hours of the proposed Crane Coffee Café space.

Mr. Moylan stated that the Paxton Hotel does not employ a security guard during the daytime, and restrooms are currently locked from public use due to a fear of vandalism. Tenants have access to these restrooms during the day via use of a coded keypad installed outside the restroom door. Mr. Moylan stated that the building owners are not prepared to leave these restrooms unlocked during the day at this time due to their concern that these facilities would be vandalized.

After some discussion, the Board members restated that the restrooms in the Crane Coffee Café do not currently meet fixture count requirements in their own right; in order for this retail space to meet Plumbing Code requirements, it needs to count the main lobby restrooms in its fixture count. The Board restated its opinion that the Paxton Hotel should be required to make the public lobby restrooms open for public use during business hours. Mr. Miller stated that this meant leaving the restrooms unlocked and without using access codes.

Mr. Moylan stated that Crane Coffee Café opens at 6:00 AM, and restated his concern that this would open the building to vandalism. Mr. Moylan stated that he was not aware that complaints had been received by the Permits and Inspections division regarding the locked main lobby restrooms from Paxton Chophouse patrons, and stated that he had spoken to Mr. Wonder in the past week. According to Mr. Moylan, Mr. Wonder had stated that the main lobby restrooms could remain locked during the day; provided that signage were posted next to the doors directing patrons to obtain the code to unlock the doors from the retail spaces within the facility. Mr. Wonder was not available at today’s meeting for confirmation. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Virgil of the Permits and Inspections Plumbing Division for their recommendation. Mr. Virgil recommended that the Board require the Paxton Hotel to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked for use of the public as agreed upon in the October 21st, 2009 meeting of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Killian to waive fixture count requirement for Crane Coffee Café, and to allow common restrooms located in the main lobby to make up the difference in fixture count, contingent upon the submission of acceptable proof from the Paxton Hotel attesting to a previous agreement to leave the main lobby restrooms locked during the day. If such an agreement is proven to have been in existence, signage must be posted outside the main lobby restroom doors directing patrons to obtain access codes from the businesses located within the building if they wish to use the restrooms. If the Paxton Hotel cannot submit proof that such an agreement was in place, then they must submit to the Board Secretary a letter which states that the main lobby restrooms will remain unlocked during the business hours of tenants within the building.

AYES: Killian, Leo

NAYS: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion failed 3-2.
Motion by Mr. Leo to grant the waiver of fixture count requirement for Crane Coffee Café as requested, contingent upon receipt by the Board Secretary of a letter from the Paxton Hotel stating that the main lobby restrooms will be left open and unlocked during business hours for public use without the use of access codes. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller

NAYS: Estabrook

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 4-1-1

December 16, 2009 – Discussion:

The Board discussed case number 9-10-101 regarding restrooms in the Paxton Building. Mr. Wonder asked that the Board reconsider their decision and reopen the case for further discussion at the Board’s next meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Leo made a motion to reopen this case and place it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Killian, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

NAYS: Estabrook, Leddy

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 4-2-1

January 13, 2010:

Mr. Reed recused himself from voting on this item. Mr. Wonder stated that at the time when the Paxton Building first applied to the Plumbing Board, the Omaha Plumbing Code allowed the Paxton to leave the main lobby restrooms locked. This was done for safety reasons.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division recommended that the Board reverse their earlier decision and allow the Paxton to lock the main lobby restrooms; but added that signage needed to be posted on the restroom doors and within leased tenant spaces which would direct customers on how to obtain the access code to the restrooms.

Mr. Estabrook stated that he had been in the Paxton Building recently, and was frustrated by the fact that the restrooms were locked.

Motion by Mr. Killian to allow main lobby restrooms in the Paxton Building to remain locked, contingent upon the posting of ADA signage directing patrons on how to obtain the access code for the facilities. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Killian, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

NAYS: Estabrook, Leddy

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion passed 4-2-1.
10-1-01

Ron Stinn  
2411 N 155th St  
Omaha NE 68116  

REQUEST: Request to allow four hours’ continuing education credit from 2009 to cover 2008 continuing education requirement.

49-215

Ron Stinn appeared before the Board. Mr. Stinn took twelve hours of continuing education in 2009; he requested that the Board move four of his twelve hours to cover a four hour continuing education shortage in 2008.

Motion by Mr. Leddy to move four hours of continuing education credit from Mr. Stinn’s 2009 continuing education total to 2008. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion passed 7-0

10-1-02

Ron Morford  
Industrial Sales  
14503 Prairie Corners Rd  
Omaha NE 68138-3847  

REQUEST: Approval of Provider  
Approval of Instructors  
Approval of 4 hour continuing education seminar

49-215

Ron Morford appeared before the Board to request approval of Provider, Instructors and to seek approval of a 4 hour continuing education seminar to take place on February 17th, 2010 for lawn sprinkler contractors. Mr. Morford’s application file was incomplete; the Board asked Mr. Morford to submit complete information regarding his instructors and materials to the Board Secretary before the seminar takes place on February 17th.

Mr. Wonder stated that Industrial Sales has been giving this seminar for a number of years, and has been approved by the Board in the past. Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division recommended approval of this seminar.

Motion to approve Industrial Sales as an Approved Provider by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 7-0

The Board reviewed each instructors’ qualifications individually.

Motion to approve Doug Stewart as an Instructor for irrigation products by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 7-0
Motion to approve Ryan Burns as an Instructor for irrigation products by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Pat Shearman as an Instructor for irrigation products by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Jim Wonder as an Instructor for Omaha Plumbing Code by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Bruce Morgan as an Instructor for Lawn Irrigation Controls by Mr. Leddy. Second by Mr. Reed.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Greg Teck as an Instructor for Cresline irrigation products by Mr. Leddy. Second by Mr. Reed.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Bret Petersen as an Instructor for irrigation, backflow prevention, and winterization by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve Sean Hansen as an Instructor for irrigation products and installation by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.
AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion passed 7-0
**Motion** to approve seminar for a total of four hours’ continuing education credit by Mr. Estabrook. Attendees must be present at the entire seminar in order to receive four hours’ credit towards their continuing education requirement. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion passed 7-0

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REQUEST: Approval of Provider

REQUEST: Approval of Instructors

REQUEST: Approval of 4 hour continuing education seminar

10-1-03

Todd Rannals

Millard Sprinkler

13235 Chandler Rd

Omaha NE 68138

49-215

Dustin Nihsen with Millard Sprinkler appeared before the Board for Todd Rannals. Mr. Nihsen requested to remove Boyd Rydel of Febco from the agenda originally submitted to the Board and to substitute Bret Peterson, who is a Board-approved Instructor for irrigation, backflow prevention, and winterization (SEE case no. 10-1-102.

**Motion** to approve Millard Sprinkler as an Approved Provider by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo.

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

Motion passed 7-0

Most of Millard Sprinkler’s instructors were approved by the Board previously (SEE case no. 10-1-02). The Board reviewed the remaining Instructor’s credentials. After some discussion, the Board declined to grant CEU credit for Dave Stading and his proposed OSHA safety class. All other instructors were approved by the Board during case number 10-1-102.

Finally, the Board reviewed the proposed four hour seminar to take place on February 18th, 2010. This seminar is for Millard Sprinkler employees only.

**Motion** to approve proposed 4 hour continuing education seminar by Mr. Reed. Attendees must be present at the entire seminar in order to receive four hours’ credit towards their continuing education requirement. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion passed 7-0
Keith Harnack, Project Manager
Baker’s District Office
5222 S 136 St
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST: Variance of section 49-615, Food Waste Grinders (garbage disposal).

Keith Harnack appeared before the Board. Mr. Harnack explained that the Lakeside Baker’s grocery store, located at 17370 Lakeside Hills Plaza, will be remodeling the kitchen area. Mr. Harnack stated that the store would like to replace the existing food grinder/garbage disposal in the deli area commercial sink with a new model. This commercial sink is tied to a grease interceptor.

Mr. Wonder stated that food grinders/garbage disposals are not allowed on grease lines as per plumbing code, and recommended that the Board deny Mr. Harnack’s request for a waiver.

Motion to deny by Mr. Leddy. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion passed 7-0

V. *Apprenticeship Agreements

Zackary T. Mahoney
315 E Saint Clair
Missouri Valley IA 51555

Backlund Plumbing
14920 Grover St
Omaha NE 68144-3238

Mr. Estabrook received notice that Mr. Mahoney was unable to attend today’s meeting. Mr. Mahoney requested that his request be held over to the next meeting of the Plumbing Board.

Motion to hold this item over to the next meeting of the Plumbing Board by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion passed 7-0

VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (78)

Cory Amill Plumber’s Local 16 Local 16
Lucas Beedle Plumber’s Local 16 Local 16
Brandon Behney Dave Janke Plumbing Metro
Jeremiah Blomker Express Plumbing Metro
Jack D Bogatz Midwest Mechanical Cont. Local 16
Doug Campbell Aksarben Htg, A/C & Plumbing Metro
Nilo Cervantes Dave Janke Plumbing Metro
Kurt Chalek TSI Mechanical Local 16
Osvaldo Cortes The Waldinger Corporation Local 16
Dan Desterhouse Plumber’s Local 16 Local 16
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Ronald P Evans Morehead Plumbing Inc Metro
Andrew Evers Thompson Plumbing Local 16
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Motion to approve the above-listed apprenticeship renewals by Mr. Wellendorf. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion passed 7-0

VII. Discussion

- John Wayne Miller and John McCarthy of Benjamin Franklin Plumbing appeared before the Board and asked to speak to the Board members. Mr. Wonder stated that Mr. Miller has put in an application to take the Master Plumber examination in February. Benjamin Franklin Plumbing has been unable to pull permits since their master plumber left the company last December. Benjamin Franklin Plumbing would like the Board to grant John a temporary Master Plumber’s license in order to allow them to pull permits. This item was not placed on the agenda due to paperwork not being submitted to the Board Secretary. Mr. Wonder asked that the Board consider this request at this time.

The Board reviewed Mr. Miller’s credentials. Mr. Miller stated that based on Mr. Miller’s credentials, and his application to take the Master Plumber examination, he would entertain a motion to grant John Wayne Miller a temporary Master Plumber license as requested.

Motion to grant a temporary Master Plumber license to John Wayne Miller until December 31, 2010 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Leo.

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

NAYS: Leddy

Motion passed 6-1.

- Bob Horan, City Plumbing Inspector, appeared before the Board in order to report on a class that he recently audited at the request of the Plumbing Board. Mr. Horan attended the Water Right Dealer School for water conditioning contractors (class no. 9-12-102.2) at Futuramic Products on December 28, 2009.

Mr. Horan reported that the class included little to no reference to specific products or sales, and was thorough and informative. The instructor was knowledgeable, and each attendee was given a binder filled with good information. Mr. Horan brought his binder with him for the perusal of the Board. The seminar also included table discussion and troubleshooting. Mr. Horan stated that overall, he found this class to be excellent, and stated that the company intended to ask the Board for continuing education hours for plumbers during the 2010 year.

After looking at the information contained in the binder submitted, Mr. Miller stated that he would be willing to grant continuing education hours for plumbers if the company made an application to the Board. Mr. Miller requested a copy of the binder submitted by Mr. Horan. The Board thanked Mr. Horan for his report.
At 2:47, Mr. Killian stated that he had another appointment and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Mr. Wonder reported that the final draft of the 2010 Omaha Plumbing Code was due to have its public hearing before the City Council on January 26th.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to grant eight hours’ continuing education credit to City Inspectors, Plumbing Board Members, Code Committee Members, and School Instructors. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

ABSENT: Killian

Motion passed 6-0-1.

Mr. Leo stated that he has received complaints from some Metro Tech students regarding student behavior in the classroom. Mr. Leo stated that he had been informed that some apprentices are choosing to waste time in lab, and are “standing around” rather than working. Mr. Wonder stated that Metro Tech has been very cooperative with the Plumbing Board, and recommended that Mr. Leo speak to Lyle Hendrickson at Metro Tech regarding these issues. Mr. Leo stated that he would contact Mr. Hendrickson.

Mr. Estabrook asked for information regarding the creation of an “audit” form for Inspectors attending and reviewing continuing education classes. Mr. Wonder stated that Joe Virgil, City Plumbing Inspector, was in the process of creating this form.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Leo. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM

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

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