I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Reid Steinkraus, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)

Others Present: Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 9th, 2013

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0

III. Apprenticeship Agreement(s)

Rex W Fuller
819 Ave D
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Carmody & Sons
641 S 150 St
Omaha NE 68154

Mr. Rex Fuller and Mr. Brian Carmody appeared before the Board. Mr. Fuller stated that he has had prior plumbing experience but it has been greater than 10 years ago and he cannot produce records for that time period. Therefore, he requests a start date of August 21, 2013. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Fuller with a start date of August 21, 2013. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0.
Mr. Ramirez appeared before the Board requesting a start date of August 26, 2013. Mr. Ramirez does have documentation of passing grades from Metro 2007 and 2008. He also has had one year of schooling through ABC which he does not have with him today. He was employed by a plumbing company that has moved to another state, and Mr. Ramirez cannot get access to his prior records. The Board would be willing to reconsider the start date if he can supply a letter from the plumber who was employed with him at that time to verify his attendance and work experience and documentation for his first year of schooling through ABC.

Motion to approve with a start date of August 26, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook with the stipulation that if Mr. Ramirez can send the other documentation, the Board will reconsider an earlier start date. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Salem

Motion carried 5-0-1.

Mr. Salem joined the meeting midway through Mr. Ramirez’s case.

Mr. Dylan Engler appeared before the Board with Mr. Nathan Steele of Precise Plumbing. Mr. Engler is requesting a September 2, 2013 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and stated that the ratios are in order, but the Board needs paperwork showing Mr. Engler was employed on September 2, 2013. Mr. Steele will provide that information to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of September 2, 2013, with the stipulation that Precise Plumbing send proof of employment to the Board Secretary. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Simpson appeared before the Board requesting a September 30, 2013 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the files and stated that ratios are in order, but documentation for beginning employment is absent. Mr. Nathan Steele will provide the Board Secretary with the appropriate paperwork.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Simpson with a start date of September 30, 2013 with the stipulation that employment documentation be submitted to the Board Secretary. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
Mr. Justin Jones appeared before the Board requesting a start date of September 13, 2013. Mr. David Clements of Red D Plumbing was also in attendance. Mr. Miller reviewed the files and stated that all the paperwork is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of September 13, 2013. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

IV. *CASES

13-9-124 Held over from 9/25/13
Noah Mock
1129 S 32nd St
Omaha NE 68105

REQUEST: Waiver of required grease interceptor in a commercial kitchen.

Location: 3926 Farnam St (prev. Sullivan’s Bar)
49-1104

Mr. Mock was not in attendance today.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file Case 13-9-124. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-10-135
Omaha Winnelson Co
Jack Miller
9737 I St
Omaha NE 68127

REQUEST: Approval of Provider of Continuing Education
Approval of Instructor (Miller)
Approval of CEU Class(es)

49-215

Mr. Jack Miller appeared before the Board requesting approval of Provider of continuing education, approval of Instructor, and approval of CEU class(es).

Omaha Winnelson Co has been a provider in the past. This would be a renewal for 2013.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve renewal of Omaha Winnelson Co as a provider for City of Omaha journeymen and master plumbers license for continuing education classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Jack Miller has been a provider in the past as a continuing education instructor for plumbing code. Mr. Miller is kept up-to-date on the plumbing code by being a member of the Omaha Plumbing Code Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve renewal of Mr. Jack Miller as an instructor for plumbing code for journeymen and master plumbers license for continuing education classes. Second by Mr. Salem.
AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Miller is asking for approval of continuing education classes regarding plumbing code for City of Omaha.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve renewal of plumbing code class for four hours of credit per class. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-10-136
Terrence Vail
343 S 112 St
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST: Approval of Provider of Continuing Education
          Approval of Instructor
          Approval of CEU Class(es)

49-215

Mr. Vail was in attendance at the last Plumbing Board meeting. He was requesting approval for Eastern Nebraska Chapter of American Backflow Prevention Association for provider of continuing education for journeymen and master plumbing licenses.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve renewal of plumbing code class for four hours of credit per class. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Vail discussed the names of instructors: John Dahlgren, Rich Koenig, Brett Petersen, Bob Jedlicka, and Jim Wonder. A biography was read regarding Brett Petersen since he will be a new instructor.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Brett Petersen as an instructor for continued education regarding backflow prevention. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed the length and subject of the continuing education class. This will be a four-hour credit for backflow prevention.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the backflow prevention class for four hours of continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
REQUEST: Approval of continuing education instructor and CEU classes

13-10-137
Mike Sobota
Central Comm College
4500 63 St
Columbus NE 68602

Mr. Sobota appeared before the Board requesting approval of Gregg Hinrichsen. Mr. Hinrichsen has been approved in the past for backflow prevention.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Gregg Hinrichsen as an instructor for backflow prevention class for journeymen and masters for continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Sobota is also requesting Central Community College be an approved provider for continuing education classes for 2013.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Central Community College as an approved provider for continuing education classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Sobota is requesting approval of a 4-hour continuing education class regarding backflow prevention.

Motion to approve Central Community College for four hour continuing education class for backflow prevention for Omaha journeymen and master plumbers.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST: Waiver of Required Bath Tub Overflow Drain

13-10-138
D Mark Vereen
12956 Eagle Run Dr
Omaha NE 68164

Tony Lukens with Integrity Plumbing appeared before the Board. He is requesting a waiver for required bathtub overflow drain. Discussion included the effect of how the tub flows and safety issues.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to grant the waiver for no bathtub overflow drain in the master bath only at 12956 Eagle Run Drive. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
REQUEST: Approval of Temporary Master Plumber License

13-10-139
Bryson Schmidt
14503 Grover St #107
Omaha NE 68144
49-213

Mr. Schmidt called in to cancel his request of a temporary Master plumber license.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to file case 13-10-139. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST: Waiver of Closet Carrier Standards

13-10-140
Marty Griesbach
7414 S 52 St
Bellevue NE 68157
Location: 1101 Jackson St. #506
49-624

Mr. Marty Griesbach and Mr. Bill Simet appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for closet carrier standards. Two drawings were submitted by Mr. Wonder that would be acceptable. This style has been approved by the Plumbing Board in the past. Mr. Simet stated this is above a concrete floor, and they are not allowed access from below. Mr. Simet stated he would follow one of the two drawings given to him by the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver for the closet carrier at 1101 Jackson Street, #506, with the stipulation that it is piped according to the drawings given. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

V. JOURNEYMEN EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

Robert C Bailey
2508 S 18 St
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Mr. Bailey called to postpone taking the journeymen examination until the February 2014.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Douglas Campbell to take the journeyman plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Douglas S Campbell
21422 Fieldcrest Dr
Elkhorn NE 68022

Aksarben Htg Air & Plumbing
7070 S 108th
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Campbell appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. On-the-job training, schooling and start date were all in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Douglas Campbell to take the journeyman plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.
AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0.

Braden C Croft  Gregurich Plumbing
42 Ginger Cove Rd  230 N West St
Valley NE 68064  Valley NE 68064

Mr. Braden Croft appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Braden Croft to take the journeyman plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Ryan M Dowling  Gregurich Plumbing
402 4th St  230 N West St
PO Box 95  Valley NE 68064
Waterloo NE 68069

Mr. Dowling appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and everything is in order with the exception that the on-the-job training hours were not totaled.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Ryan Dowling to take the journeyman plumber examination with the stipulation that his on-the-job training hours do calculate out correctly. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Daniel J Kudlacek  DRZ Plumbing
From 7/24/2013  12125 Bobwhite Rd
108 E 5th St  Gretna NE 68028
Louisville NE 68037

Mr. Daniel Kudlacek appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha journeyman plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Daniel Kudlacek to take the journeyman plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
VI. *Master Plumber Examination Applications*

Robert P Hunter
7017 S 50th St
Omaha NE 68157
Thompson Plumbing
14909 Grover St
Omaha NE 68157

Mr. Robert Hunter appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha master plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Robert Hunter to take the master plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Thomas M Render
4802 Dumfries Dr
Bellevue NE 68157
Aksarben Heating Air & Plumbing
7070 S 108 St
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Thomas Render appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha master plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Thomas Render to take the master plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Anthony J Ruma
6526 Co Rd 34
Fort Calhoun NE 68023
TSI Mechanical
12251 Cary Cir
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Anthony Ruma appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha master plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Anthony Ruma to take the master plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Kelly J Schult
2622 S 60 St
Omaha NE 68106
N Pitlor & Son
10901 I St
Omaha NE 68137

Mr. Kelly Schult appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha master plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Kelly Schult to take the master plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
Mr. Dylan Thomas appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the Omaha master plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Dylan Thomas to take the master plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

VII. *Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination Applications

Matthew M. Heeber
3302 Woolworth Ave
Omaha NE 68105

Renaissance Gardens Inc
3302 Woolworth Ave
Omaha NE 68105

Mr. Matthew Heeber requested a telephone conference call. Mr. Heeber has been in the landscape field for over 20 years. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Matthew Heeber to take the lawn sprinkler contractor examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Clifton Poling  *From 10/24/2012*
2205 N 88th St
Omaha NE 68134

Best Lawns Inc
2205 N 88 St
Omaha NE 68134

Mr. Clifton Poling appeared before the Board for approval to take the lawn sprinkler contractor examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and all the records were in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Clifton Poling to take the lawn sprinkler contractor examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
VIII. *Water Conditioning Installer Examination Applications

Clayton Zaugg
713 S Elm St
Mead NE 68041

Eco Water Systems
420 N H St
Omaha NE 68025

Clayton Zaugg has already been approved to take the water conditioning installer examination.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to file Clayton Zaugg. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

IX. *Sewer Layer Examination Applications

Chase D Miller
8006 S 152nd St
Omaha NE 68138

Allen Trenching & Utilities Inc
7925 Grover St
Omaha NE 68124

Patrick L Rawson
4472 S 61st Av
Omaha NE 68117

Allen Trenching & Utilities Inc
7925 Grover St
Omaha NE 68124

Sean L Zellers
2753 Kent St
Omaha NE 68105

Southside Plumbing
2230 S 27th St
Omaha NE 68105

Mr. Chase Miller appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the files and stated everything was in order.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Chase Miller, Mr. Patrick Rawson, and Sean Zellers to take the Omaha sewer layer examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Discussion

Mr. Wonder stated that he will be mailing out the rough draft for the Omaha Plumbing Code in two parts.

Discussion was held regarding telephone conference calls. The Board agreed that they do not want to have an excessive amount of telephone calls. Cases that would entail plans would not be allowed via telephone. The Board was in agreement that they prefer the applicants attend in person.
Plumbing examinations are being held the first week of November due to Veteran’s Day being on the second Monday of the month. Jim Wonder will be out of town during testing. Bob Horan and Jack Miller will be proctoring the exams. Jim will review the plans and tests when he returns.

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem

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

Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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