

**MINUTES**

**OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 22, 2014  
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

**I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Brian A. Barrett  
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman  
Brian Feyerherm  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Christopher P. Reed  
Terry Salem  
Amy L. Schaap

**Others Present:**

Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

**Others Absent:**

Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department

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

**II. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2014**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**III. \*Approval of Apprenticeship Program**

14-9-149

Thermal Services  
13330 I Street  
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST

Approval of apprenticeship program

49-244

No one was present representing Thermal Services. Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file case 14-9-149. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to reopen case 14-9-149 after discussion. Second by Amy Schaap

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

NAYES: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-1

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Thermal Services apprenticeship program. Second by Amy Schaap

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

NAYES: Estabrook, Salem

Motion carried 5-2

#### IV \*Apprenticeship Agreements

*Held over from 10/8/2014*

Nicholas J Dominski  
648 Coyote Circle  
Omaha NE 68046

Gregurich Plumbing LLC  
230 N West Street  
Valley NE 68064

Mr. Nicholas Dominski was not present. Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file Mr. Dominski's apprenticeship agreement application. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Juan A Cordova  
3012 N 204 St  
Elkhorn NE 68022

Bradley Brothers Plumbing  
PO Box 241639  
Omaha NE 68124

Mr. Juan Cordova appeared before the Board requesting an 8/07/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The paperwork and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Juan Cordova with a start date of 8/07/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Corey J Chapin  
110 Snyder Street  
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Coey J Chapin appeared before the Board requesting a 3/03/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The paperwork and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Corey Chapin with a start date of 3/03/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Benjamin G Childers  
14460 Boyd Plaza #302  
Omaha NE 68116

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Benjamin Childers appeared before the Board requesting an 8/25/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The paperwork and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Benjamin Childers with a start date of 8/25/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Noah J Goldapp  
1611 Avenue C  
Council Bluffs IA 51501

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Noah Goldapp appeared before the Board requesting a 7/07/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The paperwork and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Noah Goldapp with a start date of 7/07/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Rodney D Hubbard  
2756 Avenue A, Apt B  
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Rodney Hubbard appeared before the Board requesting a 7/07/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The documents and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Rodney Hubbard with a start date of 7/07/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Jacob B Kierscht  
2075 270 Street  
Missouri Valley IA 51555

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Jacob Kierscht appeared before the Board requesting a 7/30/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The documents and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Jacob Kierscht with a start date of 7/30/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Evan M Schmeits  
3518 California St Apt 1  
Omaha NE 68131

M & K Plumbing LLC  
8405 N 29 Street  
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Evan Schmeits appeared before the Board requesting a 6/30/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The documents and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Evan Schmeits with a start date of 6/30/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

#### **V.\*Cases**

14-10-148  
Eric Lakeman  
LLL Custom Builders  
PO Box 82  
Bennington NE 68007

REQUEST

Waiver as regards well installation  
  
Location: 1824 S 194 Avenue  
49-1510

Mr. Eric Lakeman with LLL Custom Builders appeared before the Board requesting approval of a well installation at 1824 S 194 Avenue. Mr. Miller read emails from Mr. Mark Masek with Metropolitan Utilities District and Mr. Mike Connor with the Douglas County Health Department. The District does not oppose this application for a well at this time as long as it is only for lawn irrigation. The Health Department has no objections to a well being drilled at 1824 S 194 Avenue as long as it is for irrigation only.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the well installation to be used for irrigation only at 1824 S 194 Avenue. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

14-10-150  
Michael Horst  
3116 S 96 Street  
Omaha NE 68142

REQUEST

Waiver as regards unisex restroom

Location: 5229 S 96 Street  
49-631

Mr. Michael Horst, owner of the property, appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a unisex restroom at 5229 S 96 St. The business at this location is U-Wash-It Car Wash. Initially Mr. Horst received a plan review for a detailing shop under 1400 sq. ft in which a unisex restroom would have been allowed. Mr. Horst stated the tenant has only three employees, and the restroom is not advertised as a public restroom. The Board stated if this is a public business, the restroom must be for public use. From the time of plans approval to when the plumbing inspector went out for the inspection, a garage door was installed and a wall was opened up into an adjoining bay which increased the sq. footage to over 1500 sq. ft which requires a second restroom. Mr. Horst did not have the exact sq footage for the additional space but stated it was approximately 1700 sq ft. The Board asked Mr. Horst if the space would be for detailing, and he stated that the tenant said parking, but he did not know for sure. Basically the space is over approximately 200 sq. ft, but more importantly is the issue that construction was done which was not approved by the City and not per the plan review that was approved.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver. Second by Mr. Barrett.

AYES: Barrett, Reed, Schaap

NAYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem

Motion denied 3-4

14-10-151  
Doug Hawley  
Paragon Training  
4012 N 72 St  
Omaha NE 68134

REQUEST

Renewal of provider, instructor, and class(es) for continuing education 2014

49-215

Mr. Doug Hawley appeared before the Board requesting renewal of provider, instructor, and class(es) for continuing education for 2014. Paragon Training has been approved in the past.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Paragon Training as a 2014 continuing education provider. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Doug Hawley has been approved in the past as a continuing education instructor for backflow, water heater technology, and CPVC plastic piping systems.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Doug Hawley as a 2014 continuing education instructor for backflow principles, water heater technology, and CPVC plastic piping systems. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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Mr. Craig Barnhart is requesting approval as a continuing education instructor for Moen products for the City of Omaha for 2014.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Craig Barnhart as a 2014 continuing education instructor for Moen products. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Rory Sherman has been approved in the past as a continuing education instructor for water treatment and water fundamentals. He is employed by United Distributors.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to renew Mr. Sherman as a 2014 continuing education instructor for water treatment/fundamentals. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Hawley is requesting approval of continuing education classes regarding backflow prevention, CPVC piping, and water heating; for Mr. Barnhart - shower installation; and for Mr. Sherman - water treatment/fundamentals.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve a 2 hour backflow prevention class, a 1 hour shower valve seminar, 1 hour water treatment seminar, a 1 hour CPVC piping seminar, and a 2 hour water heater class for Paragon as the provider with the stipulation that any journeyman or master plumber attending can only get a total of 4 hours credit for these courses. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

14-10-152

Mark Ismert  
Paragon Training  
4012 N 72 St  
Omaha NE 68134

REQUEST

Approval of instructor and class(es) for continuing education 2014

49-215

Mr. Hawley represented Mr. Mark Ismert as an instructor for continuing education. Mr. Wonder stated that he reviewed Mr. Ismert’s powerpoint and biography and stated that he would support this instructor. The topic will be entitled “Water Hammer Control”. The science and physics of water hammer, water hammer damage, controlling water hammer.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Mark Ismert as an instructor for 2014 continuing education. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mark Ismert’s class for 1 hour regarding water hammer applications combined with the previous case again with the stipulation that any journeyman or master plumber attending can only get a total of 4 hours credit. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 7-0

14-10-153

Drew Kleman

Min Day

5912 Maple Street

Omaha NE 68104

REQUEST

Waiver as regards fixture count

Location: 1106 S 10 Street

49-636

Mr. Drew Kleman presented before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture count for Bluebarn Theater at 1106 S 10 Street. Mr. Wonder stated that 96-fixed seating did not include the space behind the stage which is for viewing as well. Mr. Mike Mason, City of Omaha Plans Examiner, brought the discrepancy to Mr. Wonder’s attention regarding the fixture count. Mr. Kleman stated that the theater is not meant for in-the-round situations and that the owner stated the business is meant for small groups of patrons. Mr. Kleman stated that the owner could not say that it would be indoor or outdoor use only and that they could not see more than 125 total occupants. Mr. Wonder stated that the City would support adding one more women’s water closet to what the plans shown now. Michael Mason stated that the total fixtures needing waived consist of: 1 male water closet and lavatory, 1 female water closet and lavatory, one drinking fountain, and one family restroom.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to waive the number of fixtures and increase the fixture count to one additional water closet for the women’s restroom to the plans submitted to the City for permits at this location only for this tenant only. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1

**VI. \*Journeyman Plumber Examination Applications (5)**

Eric Allgood

7402 Plum Dale Rd

LaVista NE 68128

Aspen Plumbing

4026 Hamilton St

Omaha NE 68131

Mr. Allgood was not in attendance at today’s meeting. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold Eric Allgood over until the January 28, 2015 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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James H Mann  
18640 Weir Circle  
Omaha NE 68135

Thermal Services  
13330 I Street  
Omaha NE 68137

Mr. James Mann appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order. .

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. James Mann to take the journeyman's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Alexander D Schincke  
8833 Lake Street  
Omaha NE 68134

Paragon Plumbing  
210 S Vermont St  
Bennington NE 68007

Mr. Alexander Schincke appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Alexander Schincke to take the journeyman's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Matthew Williams  
11513 Westmont Dr  
Omaha NE 68138

Russell Plumbing  
1020 Fourth Avenue  
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Mr. Matthew Williams appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Matthew Williams to take the journeyman's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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**VII. \*Master Plumber Examination Applications (4)**

Kurt A. Doyle  
3779 County Road 39  
Ft Calhoun NE 68023

Mr. Kurt Doyle appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the master's plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order. Mr. Doyle has held a journeyman's license in the city of Omaha since 12-11-2009.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Kurt Doyle to take the master's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Aaron R Mowinkel  
19909 Maple Street  
Gretna NE 68028

Dave Janke Plumbing  
15013 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Aaron Mowinkel notified the Plumbing Board Secretary yesterday that he would like to postpone until February 2015 examinations.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold Aaron Mowinkel over to the January 28, 2014 Plumbing Board meeting for approval to take the master's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Thomas J Ostrand  
14808 Sprague St  
Omaha NE 68116

Backlund Plumbing  
6215 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Thomas Ostrand appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the master's plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order. Mr. Ostrand has held a journeyman's license in the city of Omaha since 11-30-2001.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Thomas Ostrand to take the master's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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John M Thomas  
205 Itan Drive  
Yutan NE 68073

Thomas Plumbing  
20202 Patton St  
Gretna NE 68028

Mr. John Thomas appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the master's plumber's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order. Mr. Thomas has held a journeyman's license in the city of Omaha since 12-11-2009.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. John Thomas to take the master's plumber examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**VIII.\*Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination Applications (2)**

Michael A Costanzo  
15424 Shirley St  
Omaha NE 68144

Quality Irrigation  
15010 A Circle  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Michael Costanzo appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the lawn sprinkler contractor's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Michael Costanzo to take the lawn sprinkler contractor's examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Erik J Fester  
15418 Weir St  
Omaha NE 68137

Midwest Sprinkler Service & Sales  
15418 Weir St  
Omaha NE 68137

Mr. Erik Fester appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the lawn sprinkler contractor's examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file, and documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Erik Fester to take the lawn sprinkler contractor's examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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**IX. Sewer Layer Examination Applications (18)**

Matt A Bannister  
20060 Cleveland St  
Elkhorn NE 68022

SL Jensen  
6324 S 118 St  
Omaha NE 68137

Jimmie J Brown  
2130 S 12 Street  
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Eyman Plumbing Inc  
8506 S 117 Street  
La Vista NE 68128

Annie K Carbis  
1002 Fourth Street  
Glenwood IA 51534

Burton Plumbing  
5010 F St  
Omaha NE 68117

Dave S Cornell  
1920 Dorcas St  
Omaha NE 68108

Andersen Excavating  
1920 Dorcas St  
Omaha NE 68108

Jeff L Derry  
2723 N 45 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68104

Frank's Trenching  
13906 N 32 Ave  
Omaha NE 68112

Rob Giese  
7204 S 114 St Plaza #206  
LaVista NE 68128

Roto Rooter  
7941 Drexel St  
Ralston NE 68128

Cody J Hannafious  
19007 Morrissey Cr  
Elkhorn NE 68022

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

Josh F Jones  
7505 S 101 St  
LaVista NE 68128

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

Casey N Krisor  
6718 Minne Lusa Blvd  
Omaha NE 68112

Frank's Trenching  
13906 N 32 Ave  
Omaha NE 68112

Trenton D Larson  
11624 Sahler St  
Omaha NE 68164

Eyman Plumbing Inc  
8506 S 117 Street  
La Vista NE 68128

David J Lawrence  
7314 S 71 St  
LaVista NE 68128

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Al Licea  
3747 N 36 Ave  
Omaha NE 68111

Southside Plumbing  
2230 S 27 St  
Omaha NE 68105

Josh Loyd  
906 Ridnour St  
Papillion NE 68046

Burton Plumbing  
5010 F St  
Omaha NE 68117

Weston F McDonald  
1303 Eaton St  
Dunlap IA 51529

TSI Mechanical  
12251 Cary Cir Ste 150  
LaVista NE 68128

Aris A Micek  
2711 S 20 St  
Omaha NE 68108

Southside Plumbing  
2230 S 27 St  
Omaha NE 68105

Joseph S Nichols  
1631 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Eyman Plumbing Inc  
8506 S 117 Street  
La Vista NE 68128

Felipe E Rangel  
4319 S 12 St  
Omaha NE 68107

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

Scott Voss  
4006 N 213 Circle  
Elkhorn NE 68022

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the 18 sewer layer applicants to take the sewer layer examination. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**VI. DISCUSSION**

Change to the Board Policies regarding apprentice applicants and master plumbers requesting an apprentice program being present during the Plumbing Board meetings.

When should instructions for the examination be given?

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Amy Schaap made a motion to adjourn at 3:06 pm. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem

NAYES: Estabrook, Miller, Schaap

Motion carried 4-3

\* = **APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING**

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

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