

**MINUTES**  
**OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**  
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 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  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Christopher P. Reed  
Terry Salem

**Members Absent:**

Brian Feyerherm  
Amy L. Schaap

**Others Present:**

Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department  
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department  
Jennifer J Taylor, City of Omaha Law Department

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

**II. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2014**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2014 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

**III. Approval of Apprenticeship Program**

14-9-154

Harris Plumbing LLC

18346 Highway 370

Omaha NE 68136

REQUEST

Approval of apprenticeship program

49-244

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Harris Plumbing apprenticeship program. Second by Mr. Salem

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

**IV. Apprenticeship Agreements**

*Hold over until 11/26/2014*

Justin A Harris  
1502 S 190 Plaza  
Omaha NE 68130

Harris Plumbing LLC  
18346 Highway 370  
Omaha NE 68136

Mr. Justin Harris was not present. He is requesting additional credit greater than 30 days so must be present at the meeting. Motion by Mr. Estabrook for a start date of today 11/12/2014 and to hold over Mr. Harris's apprenticeship agreement application for additional credit requested. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

*Hold over until 11/26/2014*

Anthony J Mann  
2120 Sand Hills Dr  
Papillion NE 68046

Harris Plumbing LLC  
18346 Highway 370  
Omaha NE 68136

Mr. Anthony Mann was not present. He is requesting additional credit greater than 30 days so must be present at the meeting. Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over Mr. Mann's apprenticeship agreement application. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

John A Davenport  
920 Frances St  
Omaha NE 68108

Nebraska Plumbing and Sewer Service  
6262 Lindbergh Dr  
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. John A Davenport is requesting a 10/12/2014 start date. Mr. Miller reviewed the file. The paperwork and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve John Davenport with a start date of 10/12/2014 for the Omaha apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

V. \*Cases

14-11-155 Jack Cooper/The CEU Authority LLC 8421 University Blvd Ste G Clive IA 50325	REQUEST	Approval of Provider, Instructor & class(es) for continuing education 2014
		49-215

Mr. Jack Cooper appeared before the Board requesting approval of provider, instructor & class(es) for continuing education for 2014. The CEU Authority consists of Mr. Cooper and Cory Paper. They left Johnstone Supply and went on their own. Mr. Estabrook stated he personally has sat in on Mr. Cooper's class in the past and stated that he does a good job.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Jack Cooper with CEU Authority as a continuing education provider for 2014 . Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Cooper is requesting approval of instructor and class(es) for continuing education. The Board stated they would need to review the actual power point information before approving. The Board requested Mr. Cooper send Mr. Wonder an outline and power point before Nov 21 for his review and to hold this case over until November 26, 2014.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold over Mr. Jack Cooper as an instructor and approval of class until 11/26/2014 Plumbing Board meeting . Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-156 Travis R Brodersen TRB Architecture PO Box 67 Gretna NE 68028	REQUEST	Waiver as regards fixture count in restroom  Location: 2835 S 170 Plaza – Legacy III Scissor & Scotch Men's Hair Salon 49-631
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Mr. Travis Brodersen appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards fixture count at 2835 S 170 Plaza. The business is Scissor & Scotch Men's Hair Salon which will be a private business with memberships. The space is approximately 2600 sq. feet with eight styling chairs and a ratio of 75:25% male to female occupancy. He is requesting decreasing one water closet in the female restroom and adding the fixture in the men's restroom.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to rearrange the fixture count to a 75% men and 25% women fixture count at this business at this location only. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem

ABSTAIN: Reed                      Motion carried 4-0-1

14-11-157  
Tim Griggs  
13305 Birch Dr #201  
Omaha NE 68164

REQUEST      Waiver as regards grease interceptor  
  
Location: 3439 L St – Domino’s Pizza  
49-1109

Mr. Tim Griggs, Mr. Danny Trieweiler, and Mr. Chris Griffith appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards grease interceptor at 3439 L St – Domino’s Pizza. The pizza and wings are precooked and premade. The foil it is cooked on is wrapped up and thrown away. There are no fryers. They do not wash pizza pans; they are wiped down. No grease is washed down the sink as they have plastic flatware and paper plates.

A motion was made by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver regarding a grease interceptor at this restaurant at this location. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-158  
Ryan Ferguson  
1621 N 75 Street  
Omaha NE 68114

REQUEST      Appeal remanded back from Administrative Board of  
Appeals regarding placement as an apprentice

Mr. Ferguson was in attendance today after his case was appealed to the Administrative Board of Appeals. The ABA Board did not think the Plumbing Board gave enough weight to Mr. Ferguson’s previous employment with Dave Janke Company and sent it back to the Plumbing Board for further review. Mr. Wonder stated that in reviewing the plumbing ordinance and also Mr. Ferguson’s record, Mr. Janke had given him credit for 9975 hours. They were inconsecutive years. The Plumbing Code only requires that you have four consecutive years with the 7000 hours. The Plumbing Code also in order to take a test requires 696 hours of schooling which we have records from Metro Community College for Mr. Ferguson of 406.5 hours. Mr. Wonder feels that after reviewing all of the ordinances and Mr. Ferguson’s record that the Board might have erred in placing him. The Board should not have placed him as first year, second year, third year, or fourth year. There is nothing in the ordinance that spells that out. Mr. Wonder asked the Board to recognize Mr. Ferguson’s 9975 hours of on the job training with Dave Janke Plumbing and to recognize at this point that we have 406.5 hours of schooling. When Mr. Ferguson finishes his remaining hours of schooling, then it would appear that he would qualify to test. There is nowhere in the Code that the Board has an obligation to place him except in one instance and that is if a person comes to the Board with absolutely no schooling and they would like to test out same as like a GED. Then we have provision in the ordinance that would allow a person to take a series of tests administered by the Planning Department for their placement as far as their education goes. That’s a choice on the applicant’s part. In summary, Mr. Wonder asked that the Board recognize those two numbers and not assign a year to Mr. Ferguson.

In Mr. Frazier’s Apprenticeship Program Agreement, it states that “no one be paid less than the Federal Government’s current minimum wage.” We are approving his previous credit. We are not placing him in any particular year.

Mr. Frazier has submitted additional documentation where Mr. Ferguson has an additional 2201 hours of on-the-job training which at this time is irrelevant because he has already completed his required number of hours. Mr. Ferguson is entered into his second year of schooling at present. Mr. Frazier’s apprenticeship agreement gave a 9/25/2013 start date. The Board is only going to recognize Mr. Ferguson’s hours of schooling and on-the-job training and not place him in a particular apprenticeship year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to acknowledge Mr. Ferguson’s school hours of 406.5 and on-the-job training hours of 9975. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-159  
Curtis Johnson-DLR Group  
6457 Frances St #200  
Omaha NE 68106

REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain fixture requirement  
for secondary schools  
Location: 20303 Blue Sage Parkway  
49-636

Mr. Curtis Johnson and Ms. Katie Ramsbottom with DLR group appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding drinking fountain fixture requirements for Elkhorn South High School at 20303 Blue Sage Parkway.

Mr. Johnson stated a 500-student classroom addition that was built approximately 5-6 years ago. The Plumbing Code has changed since the school was built, and the Code required four drinking fountains on each level. They would like to request two on each level. Mr. Curtis stated that the distribution seems appropriate, but the quantity seems excessive.

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-160  
Bill Baker - MMC Contractors  
9751 S 142 St  
Omaha NE 68138

REQUEST Waiver as regards plastic pipe and fittings for soil, waste  
& vent; Minimum standards; Temporary toilet facilities  
for buildings under construction  
  
Location: 7740 Cedar Street  
49-550; 49-701; 49-601(b)

Mr. Bill Baker and Mr. Chris Neal with JE Dunn Construction appeared before the Board regarding a construction project at Bergan Mercy Hospital. There could be a total of four pre-piped trailers on the site. They are requesting approval to hook onto the trailer extension with PVC. The second waiver is regarding the amount of time allowed for temporary facilities. This project will last approximately two years. They are proposing to bury a 500-gallon holding tank pumped out on a weekly basis with the porta-johns delivered to the site. Each trailer will have a separate tank.

Motion by Mr. Reed to 1) waive the requirement for plumbing materials within the temporary trailers for this project; 2) allow sanitary waste to discharge to a holding tank; 3) allow PVC sanitary piping to connect from the temporary trailer to the holding tank, and 4) allow two years from today's date and up to four trailers on this site. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-161

Alan Hans - Advantage Development Inc  
PO Box 311  
Springfield NE 68059

REQUEST

Waiver as regards well installation

Location: 7708 N 209 Circle  
49-1510

Mr. Alan Hans appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a well installation at 7708 N 209 Circle stating this is the only water source available. MUD and the Douglas County Health Department do not oppose this waiver. This is one of just a few lots in the subdivision which has not been purchased. All surrounding homes have wells.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the well installation. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-11-162

Todd Becker – Becker Trenching & Water Inc  
Chase M Miller  
22311 County Road 36  
Arlington NE 68002-9802

REQUEST

Request for temporary Master Plumber

49-213

Mr. Todd Becker appeared before the Board requesting a temporary master license be issued to Chase M Miller due to the resignation of Denny Murray.

Mr. Salem made a motion to issue a temporary master plumber license to Mr. Chase M Miller for Becker Trenching & Water Inc only for a period of one year. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Miller

Motion carried 4-0-1

## VI. DISCUSSION:

Verification regarding apprentice applicants requesting more than 30 days must appear before the Board; less than 30 days do not. Apprenticeship Programs do not require the Master Plumber to be in attendance.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to accept the changes of Article VI(b) to read “All apprentice applicants requesting more than thirty days previous credit must appear before the Plumbing Board.” Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Rob Giese asked for an excused absence from the Sewer Layer examination in Nov due to family tragedy.

Motion to excuse Rob Giese from the November 2014 examination and reapply for February 2015 at no additional cost. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

**VII. Journeyman Plumber Examinations (10)**

Yusef Aburumuh  
1409 Chaput Dr  
Bellevue NE 68005

Barrett Plumbing Inc  
1409 Chaput Dr  
Bellevue NE 68005

James H Mann  
18640 Weir Circle  
Omaha NE 68135

Thermal Services  
13330 I Street  
Omaha NE 68137

Juan Martinez-Delpozo  
7329 Washington Street  
Ralston NE 68127

Kevin P McDonnell  
7304 S 171 St  
Omaha NE 68136

Walz Plumbing Service Inc  
PO Box 18  
15405 Warehouse Rd  
Bennington NE 68007-5519

Matthew R Mojica  
2423 S 18 St #9  
Omaha NE 68108

Aaron Osterholm  
6526 Emmet St  
Omaha NE 68104

Brooke Peters Master Plumber Inc  
PO Box 24108  
1518 S 80 St  
Omaha NE 68124

Matthew S Parrott  
2813 Avenue D  
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Mainelli Mechanical Contractors  
PO Box 12428  
Omaha NE 68112

Joseph Rempe  
2925 S 113 St  
Omaha NE 68144

JP Plumbing Co  
7705 S 92 St  
LaVista NE 68128

Alexander D Schincke  
8833 Lake Street  
Omaha NE 68134

Paragon Plumbing  
210 S Vermont St  
Bennington NE 68007

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Matthew Williams  
11513 Westmont Dr  
Omaha NE 68138

Russell Plumbing  
1020 Fourth Avenue  
Plattsmouth NE 68048

## VIII. \*Master Plumber Examinations (7)

Sean P Cidone  
PO Box 474  
Elkhorn NE 68022

T&K Plumbing Services LLC  
13406 C St  
Omaha NE 68144

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

Eyman Plumbing Inc  
8506 S 117 St  
LaVista NE 68128

Chase M Miller  
23902 195 St  
Crescent IA 51526

Mainelli Mechanical Contractors  
PO Box 12428  
Omaha NE 68112

William Nourse  
32604 185 St  
Missouri Valley IA 51555

Thomas J Ostrand  
14808 Sprague St  
Omaha NE 68116

Backlund Plumbing  
6215 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68106

Jason L Ridnour  
16605 Erskine Street  
Omaha NE 68116

Thomas Plumbing Service Inc  
20202 Patton St Suite B  
Gretna NE 68028

John M Thomas  
205 Itan Drive  
Yutan NE 68073

Thomas Plumbing  
20202 Patton St  
Gretna NE 68028

## IX.\*Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination (2)

Michael A Costanzo  
15424 Shirley St  
Omaha NE 68144

Quality Irrigation  
15010 A Circle  
Omaha NE 68144

Erik J Fester  
15418 Weir St  
Omaha NE 68137

Midwest Sprinkler Service & Sales  
15418 Weir St  
Omaha NE 68137

**X. Water Conditioning Contractor Examination Reviews (2)**

Michael Harless  
103 East First St  
Mead NE 68041

Husker Water  
PO Box 218  
Mead NE 68041

Michael Megill  
2216 15 St  
Spirit Lake IA 51360

**XI. Sewer Layer Examinations (17)**

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

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

Al Licea  
3747 N 36 Ave  
Omaha NE 68111

Weston F McDonald  
1303 Eaton St  
Dunlap IA 51529

Aris A Micek  
2711 S 20 St  
Omaha NE 68108

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

Felipe E Rangel  
4319 S 12 St  
Omaha NE 68107

Scott Voss  
4006 N 213 Circle  
Elkhorn NE 68022

Southside Plumbing  
2230 S 27 St  
Omaha NE 68105

TSI Mechanical  
12251 Cary Cir Ste 150  
LaVista NE 68128

Southside Plumbing  
2230 S 27 St  
Omaha NE 68105

Eyman Plumbing Inc  
8506 S 117 Street  
La Vista NE 68128

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

Graham Construction  
4403 S 139 St  
Omaha NE 68022

## **XII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn at 3:03 pm. to go into executive session for examinations.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 4-3

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

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