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:
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2015

Mr. Miller stated the minutes need to be modified regarding Case 15-2-42: Mechanical Board should be changed to Building Board. A modification in Case 15-2-47: Motion Carried 7-0 needs to be changed to Motion Carried 6-1.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve these corrections to the minutes from the February 25, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

III. Examination Reviews

Craig Phephles

IV. *Cases

15-3-49  
Gazala Larsen - Grid Architecture LLC  REQUEST  Waiver as regards 1:1 ratio  
2645 N 165 St  
Omaha NE 68116  
Location: 11426 Davenport St  
49-636; Table 5

Ms. Larsen requested holding over this case until the next Plumbing Board meeting on March 25th.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over case 15-3-49. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Nathan Murray representing Culligan Water of Omaha appeared before the Board as Mr. Comer is no longer with the company. Mr. Wonder stated that there is a small number of water conditioning installers within the City of Omaha as opposed to water conditioning contractors. The water conditioning contractor for Culligan left the business, and there are no water conditioning installers registered. Mr. Murray is scheduled to take the water conditioning contractor examination on May 12, 2015. The company has also registered four people to test for the water conditioning installer exam the same day. Mr. Murray is requesting a temporary water conditioning contractor license at present so the company can continue to take care of their customer base. Mr. Murray stated they will try to do minimal new installs. The Board discussed a time frame to include two testing dates.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for a temporary water conditioning contractor license to Nathan Murray of Culligan Water of Omaha until August 31, 2015. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Deke Reichardt appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards fixture requirements at 1125 Jackson Street #2. The Jackson Street Tavern is taking over an additional bay of 1550 sq. feet for a private party area. Mr. Wonder stated the City is okay with the current fixture count as is because it will not be a nightly occurrence (maybe 2-3 times a week), it will be a private party area and not an extension of the bar, and it is in the Old Market where space is limited to enlarge the restrooms. Discussion included being over one fixture in the men’s restroom and one fixture under in the women’s restroom.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow a waiver for restroom access outside of the space for the Jackson Street Tavern tenant at 1125 Jackson Street #2 for this business only and clarification that the existing fixture count is acceptable for the proposed banquet space only. If the use of this space would change, the Plumbing Board requires the tenant to come back before the Board in the future. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Michael Moylan appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture requirements at 1501 Jackson St. Mr. Moylan states the space has oddly-placed columns making it less efficient for office use. The plan shows reasonably fitting 12 employees in the space, which is what the tenant intends to grow into over time. The columns are not conducive to a more efficient plan, and
March 11, 2015

making the restrooms larger impedes the ability to fit that many people in the space. Mr. Moylan is asking for a waiver of one water closet for the women’s restroom. Seldin Property Management is the tenant. There are twelve cubicles on the plan. Employees are in and out of the office showing properties throughout the day.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver to allow the restrooms as constructed for this space and this use only. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

15-3-53
Chris Reed - Morrissey Engineering
4940 N 118 St
Omaha NE 68164

REQUEST
Waiver as regards clearance around water heaters
Location: 2211 Howard St
49-612

Mr. Chris Reed stepped down from his role on the Plumbing Board to represent his client for cases 15-3-53 through 15-3-60. This is a group of apartment buildings between S 22nd and S 24th and Howard St built back in the 1920s that have been abandoned over the years. They are all small apartments. All of the buildings are getting Historic Tax Credit funding to build the projects. Therefore, they are not allowed to do a lot of renovation to the interior space and are trying to reuse the existing mechanical rooms in these buildings that range from 36x36 or 28x36. There is a small HVAC fan coil unit that hangs on the wall, and a Lowboy 40-gallon water heater sits below it. They are not going to be able to get a 6” clearance around them. Also the manufacturer just bumped up the size of the unit. A 30-gallon water heater will not allow 6” clearance all around. The contractor is willing to install all of these with connections in the front and to provide as much access as they can to get these in and out. They are stacked under the HVAC units. Mr. Reed is requesting a waiver for these eight buildings 6” clearance around and 18” above with the understanding that they pipe them to be accessible and that they can be removed. Mr. Wonder stated the 6” clearance in the code has nothing to do with combustion. It is simply being able to get the water heater in and out; it is a service issue. Mr. Wonder suggested the contractor make a mock-up before getting too far into the project.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the waiver for clearance around the water heaters for cases 15-3-53 through 15-3-60 per approval of City of Omaha plumbing inspectors. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1

15-3-54
Chris Reed - Morrissey Engineering
4940 N 118 St
Omaha NE 68164

REQUEST
Waiver as regards clearance around water heaters
Location: 2215 Howard St
49-612

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1
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AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1
Mr. Dimitrios Katsavelis, home owner, appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a tub/shower unit that has a steam accessory that does not meet current standards in the Plumbing Code. Mr. Wonder stated that the City did a little research, and they have a third party certification, but they are treating it as an appliance not a plumbing fixture. The City would support this waiver but Mr. Wonder requested that at the time of the final connection be able to consult with the plumbing contractor on how this should be done.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for the proposed fixture with the understanding that the waste, vent, and domestic water connections be done per the intent of the Omaha Plumbing Code upon consultation with the City of Omaha inspector. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 4-3

V. *APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENTS*

Mr. Matthew Payne appeared before the Board requesting credit for four months and a start date of October 27, 2014. Thermal Services provided documentation regarding this date. Ratios are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Payne with a start date of October 27, 2014 for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mrs. Sandy Leonardo appeared before the Board requesting credit for four months and a start date of November 01, 2014. Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc. provided documentation regarding this date. Ratios are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Tanner Reese with a start date of November 01, 2014 for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Mrs. Sandy Leonardo appeared before the Board requesting credit for six months and a start date of September 01, 2014. Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc. provided documentation regarding this date. Ratios are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Skylar Schulz with a start date of September 01, 2014 for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. William Woods appeared before the Board requesting a start date of January 01, 2014. The ratio sheet is in order. Mr. Woods stated he was employed with Roto Rooter from 1/03/2014 through the present (except for a short period of time at Southside Plumbing from December of 2014, January of 2015 and the first half of February, 2015). Mr. Woods then returned to Roto Rooter. The Board discussed with Mr. Woods getting documentation from Southside Plumbing regarding the number of on-the-job training hours in writing for verification for our files. W2 forms do not give the total number of hours worked.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. William Woods with a start date of January 01, 2014 for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (6)

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Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the six apprentice renewals listed above. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
VII. DISCUSSION

Board Policy changes regarding yearly renewal of continuing education providers and instructors to every three years for instructors and providers. Providers would still need to get Plumbing Board approval for their classes on a yearly basis. Discussion regarding a hard-copy certificate of completion for continuing education classes be given to those in attendance.

Mr. Reed made a motion to amend the Plumbing Board Policies Section VIII Continuing Education Course Approval, C(6) which would allow the provider and the instructor approvals to expire three years from the date of approval; and to amend D Course Materials to state: The Board shall approve course materials to be used for Continuing Education courses on a yearly basis. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to reopen case 15-2-39 from the Plumbing Board Minutes dated 2/25/2015. Second by Mr. Barrett.

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

NAYS: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried: 5-2

15-2-39
Jamie Montgomery
1511 S 56 St
Omaha NE 68106
REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain
Location: 3023 N 93 Street
49-636

2/25/2015
Mr. Jamie Montgomery is requesting a waiver as regards drinking fountain at 3023 N 93 Street. This is a martial arts business with approximately 10 students per class. Most students bring their own water bottles and they do provide bottled water in a refrigerator. This is 2400 sq feet.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to deny this waiver at 3023 N 93 Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried - Waiver denied 7-0

3/11/2015
After the last meeting Mr. Reed recalculated the information with the new code tables, and it showed that case 15-2-39 would not have required the drinking fountain. Discussion included the number of people and square footage of the business. Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the drinking fountain for this martial arts business in this 2400 sq. foot space. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

NAYS: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried – waiver passed: 5-2
Mr. Reed made a motion to reopen case 15-2-43 from the Plumbing Board Minutes dated 2/25/2015. Second by Mr. Barrett.
AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
NAYS: Estabrook, Miller
Motion carried: 5-2

2/25/2015
Mrs. Kylee Hudson appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards drinking fountain. This is a kickboxing facility called 9Round. They hold 30-minute workouts that do not have breaks. The clients do not take water out onto the floor during workout. They have a refrigerator and offer bottled water. There is one employee on the floor and an average of one to ten members working out at a time. Square footage is 1690 with a working space of approximately 900. There is existing plumbing in a wall that is patched over. Mrs. Hudson stated it would be on the workout floor and not an ideal location. Mr. Reed stated the current plumbing code requires a drinking fountain.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to deny this waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
Motion carried – waiver denied: 7-0

3/11/2015
After the last meeting Mr. Reed recalculated the information with the new code tables, and it showed that case 15-2-43 would not have required the drinking fountain. Discussion included the number of people and square footage of the business. Also the minutes from a previous board meeting dated November 13, 2013 were reviewed regarding Ms. Hudson’s second location regarding the same waiver. Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the drinking fountain for this business in this 1400 sq. foot space. Second by Amy Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap
NAYS: Estabrook, Miller
Motion carried – waiver passed: 5-2

New plumbing inspector will start 3/30/2015.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Reed at 3:05 pm. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem Schaap
Motion carried: 7-0

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