

State of Oregon
FINAL

Agenda Item I.D.

Oregon State Plumbing Board

Regular meeting minutes

October 12, 2007

Members present: Ken Carlson, Chairman
Jonathan Gray, Vice-chair
Skai Dancey
Jacob Polvi *connected by teleconference*
Rick Bosch *New member*
Jack Vilendre

Members absent: None

Staff present: Andrea Simmons, policy and technical services manager
Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector and board secretary
Jon Hills, enforcement and licensing manager
Homer Humelbaugh, assistant chief plumbing inspector
Robert Salinas, enforcement and licensing assistant manager
Casey Hoyer, policy analyst
Heath Lawson, enforcement officer
Aeron Teverbaugh, policy analyst
Tania Close, enforcement officer
Amy McKinley, cooperative work experience student
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator

Guests present: Tony Cracolice, BOLI/ATD
Mike Briggemeister, EWEB
Daniel Gleiberman, Falcon Waterfree Technologies
Tom Puhl, Braley Gray

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Ken Carlson called the Oregon State Plumbing Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Jacob Polvi was connected by teleconference, all other members were present in Conference Room A.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the agenda and order of business approved.

D. Approval of the June 15, 2007 Oregon State Plumbing Board meeting minutes

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the regular minutes of June 15, 2007 approved.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting

December 14, 2007

F. Formal farewell to Perry Shinn

Chairman Ken Carlson thanked Perry Shinn for his continuous time and effort as a member of the board for 11 years and said that he will be greatly missed. Mr. Shinn thanked Chairman Carlson for his kind words and said that it has been an honor and privilege to be seated at the table of the Oregon State Plumbing Board. Mr. Shinn commended Chairman Carlson for his leadership and thanked staff as well as Chief Swisher for their work in preparing the board so its members can make informative decisions.

Manager Simmons, on behalf of the administrator, publicly recognized Mr. Shinn for his outstanding service as an Oregon State Plumbing Board member. Mr. Shinn was presented a plaque of appreciation from the governor and a letter of thanks from the administrator.

G. Welcome new board member Rick Bosch

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division administrator's report:

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Andrea Simmons delivered the administrator's report using the [BCD update](#) information packet. The first document in the packet contains contact information for staff assigned to specific program areas.

Quick Permits, an electronic-permitting program that began in the Portland tri-county area in 2003 is now efficiently providing over-the-counter plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permits in over eighteen jurisdictions, with the division actively recruiting twelve more throughout Oregon. Now with the passage of HB 2405, Oregon is the first state in the nation to offer contractors - anywhere in Oregon - one-stop services such as obtaining permits and scheduling inspections. The law is part of Governor Kulongoski's regulatory streamlining initiative.

The Oregon eBuilding Permits system is designed to save businesses and government time and money. Beginning January 1, 2008 the surcharge on all permit fees and hourly inspections increase by 4%.

The [increase](#) will defray the costs of developing and administering the statewide electronic permitting system.

Code interpretations: Manager Simmons then discussed [code interpretations](#). She explained that code interpretations exist in two forms: 1.) A division-issued “statewide code interpretation” is applicable and enforceable statewide, and 2.) A “site-specific interpretation” is an interpretation of a specialty code provision that applies to a single project and can only be requested by a municipality’s building official.

Manager Simmons noted that the Oregon Legislature gave the division authority to issue interpretations of the state building code. The division solicits advice through technical advisory groups to develop sound code interpretations. Every three months the division communicates interpretations to the advisory boards.

Manager Simmons explained that the definition of alternate method ruling is a formal opinion on whether a new construction material (design or construction method) not covered by the current state building code, would be acceptable. It helps the division, and the affected board, to adapt to new and innovative advances in the construction industry.

Current specialty code activity: Manager Simmons explained the “Oregon Adopted Specialty Codes” document included in the [BCD update](#). The division is in the process of updating three of the eleven specialty codes. The electrical, plumbing and residential codes are slated to become effective by April 1, 2008.

Manager Simmons noted that the Residential Structures Board receives public testimony on residential, electrical, and plumbing code provisions of the 2008 Oregon Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code and makes final recommendation to Building Codes Division. The plumbing board will have a chance to review the recommendations of the plumbing provisions before the public hearing in January.

HB 2478 includes the standardization of uniform permit, inspection and certificate of occupancy throughout the state. A committee has been formed to begin work reviewing the residential certificate of occupancy with the anticipated effective date of April 1, 2008.

HB 2219: Manager Simmons noted that the bill eliminates the practical testing requirement portion of the journeyman plumbers examination effective January 1, 2008. The bill also adjusts statutory fees to reflect new terms for licensees and creates consistent terminology for application fees and terms among license types.

SB 192 enhances the enforcement authority of the division and the various licensing boards. The bill allows for denying, suspending, revoking, or refusing to review a license for: 1.) Construction related violations that lead to sanction by CCB or failure to pay their civil penalty; 2.) Construction related violations in another state or failure to pay civil penalties imposed by another state; and 3.) Violation of any building code law (i.e. sanitation or sewage standards etc.).

Manager Simmons noted that the division would begin an effort to develop consistent forms and fee methodologies statewide in November.

B. Summary of enforcement actions

Jon Hills, manager of enforcement and licensing reported the actions taken and over-all activities by the enforcement section for the third quarter of 2007. Manager Hills noted that the section is increasing field presence and license checks by scheduling multi-agency sweeps and mini-sweeps.

C. Program update

Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector and board secretary, reported that 85 apprentices graduated and passed with an average of 88 percent on the journeyman plumber examination. As a reminder, Chief Swisher noted that the practical testing requirement will no longer be a part of the journeyman plumber examination as of January 1, 2008.

IV. Communications

New employees

- Jon Hills, enforcement and licensing manager
- Robert Salinas, enforcement and licensing assistant manager
- Tania Close, enforcement officer
- Aeron Teverbaugh, policy analyst
- Amy McKinley, cooperative work experience student

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business

A. Board review and approve the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code

Manager Simmons reviewed the goals of the division related to the approval of the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code, previously discussed under program update. She noted that the board and the division should agree with the recommendation of the code in order for the process to go forward.

Chairman Carlson said that he and Vice-chair Jonathan Gray were members of the Plumbing Code Review Committee, which met several times with its final recommendation that the board adopt the non-low rise provisions of the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code for rulemaking and subsequent adoption.

Motion by Skai Dancey to approve the committee's recommendation to adopt the non-low rise provisions of the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code for rulemaking and subsequent adoption, with the finding that the added cost, if any, is necessary to the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources.

Motion carried unanimously

B. Review and take action on American Society of Sanitary Engineering

(ASME) A112.19.19-2006 Standard for non-water vitreous china urinals

Danny Gleiberman, Vice-president government affairs for Falcon Waterfree Technologies, requests the approval of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A112.19.19-2006 standard. Tom Puhl, from Braley Gray was present to offer support for the adoption of the A112.19.19-2006 standard.

Perry Shinn asked Mr. Puhl whether he thought that the non-water urinals would be maintained properly.

Mr. Puhl noted that due to the newness of the products, a learning process would take place. Once the new technology has been accepted throughout industry, the maintenance will become more familiar.

Motion by Skai Dancey to approve the ASME A112.19.19-2006 standard with a subsequent referral to the Plumbing Code Review Committee for consideration of clarifying code language.

Motion carried unanimously

VIII. Announcements

Residential Structures Board will be reviewing the electrical and plumbing provisions to the 2008 Oregon Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code at its December 11, 2008 board meeting

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Ken Carlson adjourned the board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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