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Oregon State Plumbing Board

Meeting minutes

June 19, 2009

Members present: Ken Carlson, Chairman
Rick Bosch
Michael Perry
Jack Vilendre

Members absent: Jonathan Gray, Vice-chair
Skai Dancey

Staff present: Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector and board secretary
Chris Huntington, manager of policy and technical services
Homer Humelbaugh, assistant chief plumbing inspector
Brent Griffith, enforcement officer
Liz Browder, manager of enforcement services
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
"Skip" Smith, enforcement officer
Dana Fischer, para-technical support specialist
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

Guests present: Tony Cracolice, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
Marv Morlan, City of Portland

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

Vice-chair Jonathan Gray and Skai Dancey were both absent excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

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

D. Approval of the April 17, 2009 regular board meeting minutes

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the April 17, 2009 minutes approved.

E. Date of the next scheduled meeting

August 21, 2009

II. Public comment – None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington reported that the governor recently appointed Mark Long as Acting Director of the Oregon Department of Energy. Deputy Administrator Patrick Allen will be stepping into the position as acting administrator of Building Codes Division. Andrea Simmons, current manager of green building services and legislative affairs has been asked to fill the position of acting deputy administrator for the division. Although Ms. Simmons will be responsible for the duties of acting deputy administrator, she will keep her responsibilities related to sustainability.

Manager Huntington discussed the division's code activities included in the [BCD Update](#) packet. He highlighted the local code amendment request rule and noted that the Electrical and Elevator Board has approved a process for wind turbines.

Manager Huntington explained that the mechanical and structural specialty code adoptions are currently in process with a separate group created specifically to discuss energy efficiency. The 2010 Oregon Commercial Energy Conservation Advisory Committee will advise the division on proposed code changes related to the energy efficiency of all commercial buildings. That committee is one of three groups that will review commercial construction standards. The overall goal of the division is to improve energy efficiency in all commercial buildings by 15-percent. The Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code and interim amendments to other codes are expected to be adopted for use beginning April 1, 2010.

Manager Huntington explained that the process of developing the full-service ePermitting system is proceeding, with the first jurisdictions expected to join the system early in 2010.

The Green Building Services section is working to implement the governor's priority of making buildings in Oregon more energy efficient.

Manager Huntington discussed Executive Order No. 09-06, issued by the governor, creating The Oregon Way Advisory Group to advise and assist those seeking competitive federal stimulus grants. Mark Long was asked to participate as a member of this group.

Legislative bills:

HB 2200 – This bill is designed to help contractors, building owners, and others to comply with boiler and elevator requirements by making the fee structures and processes for the two programs consistent.

The bill also increases the boiler inspection fees to ensure the department has enough resources to regularly inspect boilers for safety.

SB 79 – Is designed to reduce energy use in Oregon buildings by directing the division to adopt new building codes with higher energy efficiency standards by as much as 25-percent for commercial buildings and 15-percent for residential buildings by 2012. This bill also authorizes the development of a voluntary “reach code” containing construction methods for achieving higher levels of energy efficiency than under the statewide code. Manager Huntington explained that the Oregon Commercial Energy Conservation Advisory Committee's work will help the division achieve these legislative mandates.

HB 2950 – Will create a Construction Industry Energy Board, which will include two members from each of the Electrical and Elevator Board, Building Codes Structures Board, and Residential Structures Board, and one member appointed by the Oregon Department of Energy.

HB 3462 – This bill creates a pilot program for a training academy for inspectors to train specialized inspectors that would be able to more accurately meet the needs of various jurisdictions.

HB 2080 will put the definition of gray water in statute and the bill requires the Department of Environmental Quality to develop rules for permits to allow for use of gray water for beneficial uses, including irrigation. New rules may impact the division's current alternate methods regarding gray water.

B. Enforcement cases

Manager of Enforcement Services Liz Browder reminded board members of the new process implemented assigning enforcement officers to specific areas in the region. She also noted that Brent Griffiths was promoted to lead worker for enforcement services. Manager Browder noted that the enforcement section will be providing training to local jurisdictions who are interested in enhancing their enforcement programs by issuing citations for elevator, boiler, plumbing, and electrical licensing violations. The purpose of this program is to ensure a greater enforcement presence throughout the state and ensure that installations are safe. The training is a short presentation which provides guidelines for jurisdictions to use when issuing citations. There will be a \$200 refund per citation as an incentive.

C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for cases 1 through 11, outlined on the enforcement board report. (No board action required)

Although there was no board discussion for this item, Mr. Griffiths took the opportunity to briefly discuss a case with several violations members will see at the next meeting.

D. Program update - None

IV. Communications

Update on mid-cycle code amendments for the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code

Manager Huntington noted that the division received few proposals and has determined that none of those received meet the criteria for amending the OPSC mid-cycle. The division will keep the submitted proposals on file and forward those to the board during the regular code adoption process scheduled to begin in 2010.

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business

VIII. Announcements - None

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Carlson adjourned the board meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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