

State of Oregon  
Final

Agenda  
Item  
I.D.

Oregon State Plumbing Board

Meeting minutes

April 17, 2009

**Members present:** Ken Carlson, Chairman  
Jonathan Gray, Vice-chair  
Rick Bosch  
Skai Dancey  
Michael Perry  
Jack Vilendre

**Members absent:** None

**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  
Aeron Teverbaugh, policy analyst  
"Skip" Smith, enforcement officer  
Dana Fischer, para-technical support specialist  
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

**Guests present:** GF Scheuermann, Local Union #290  
Brook Evans, Mueller Industries  
Greg Nahrgang, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Co.  
Cathy Carlson  
Andy Parsons, City of Eugene  
Pam Ditty, Mike Ditty LLC  
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**

All 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 February 20, 2009 regular board meeting minutes**

The February 20, 2009 draft minutes were amended as follows:

Page 3, discussion on House Bill 2200. Correction was made to raising permit fees over-all by 35 percent.

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the February 20, 2009 minutes approved as amended.

**E. Date of the next scheduled meeting**

June 19, 2009

**II. Public comment – None**

**III. Reports**

**A. Building Codes Division report**

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington discussed the division's code activities included in the BCD Update packet. He noted that the code adoption process has begun for the structural and mechanical codes.

The division is taking a different approach for energy efficiency in commercial buildings. A group has been developed to seek out energy efficiency opportunities for all Oregon-adopted building codes. The first meeting of the Commercial Energy Conservation Committee was held March 31, 2009. Energy efficiency proposals specific to a board will be brought to that board for review.

Manager Huntington noted that the mid-cycle code adoption process has begun for electrical, residential, and plumbing. The process is limited to fire/life safety risks, and conflicting and unclear provisions. The board will review any plumbing code proposals at its June 19 board meeting for an October 1, 2009 adoption date.

Manager Huntington discussed the progress of the full-service system for ePermitting. The new on-line service will continue to supply access to ordering permits but it will also include streamlined plan review by construction plans, along with on-line submissions of project approval of inspection tracking services. The system is expected to be fully functional by late 2009.

The Oregon Way Advisory Group was developed by the governor to advise and assist those seeking competitive federal stimulus grants. Governor's Executive Order No. 09-06. Mark Long has been asked to participate as a member of the group.

**B. Enforcement cases**

Liz Browder introduced herself as the new manager of enforcement services. Manager Browder has worked for the state in a managerial capacity for 20 years. She noted that the enforcement section will continue to conduct sweeps and she has assigned the enforcement officers to specific regions in Oregon to create a stronger field presence. She also introduced Skip Smith, formerly an inspector in the Pendleton Office, as the newest member of the enforcement team.

Brent Griffiths, lead worker for enforcement services, spoke briefly on the enforcement cases.

- 1. Final order, Christopher L. Hoskinson**, was first cited in 2008 for making an installation without a license. At the hearing, Mr. Hoskinson's lawyer fought for a lesser penalty. The ALJ issued a proposed order for the full penalty of \$2000.

**Motion by Vice-chair Jonathan Gray** to adopt the proposed order issuing a final order for Christopher L. Hoskinson with no changes.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for cases 1 through 8, outlined on the enforcement board report. (No board action required)**

There was no board discussion for this item.

**D. Program update - None**

**IV. Communications**

**Mid-cycle code amendment process**

This item was discussed under the division report.

**V. Appeals – None**

**VI. Unfinished business - None**

**VII. New business**

**A. Review request for plumbing product Standard IAPMO IGC 251-2008, joining system using a structural adhesive and fittings for copper tubing**

***Public testimony***

Chris Close, and Brook Evans, Mueller Industries, requested that the adhesive fitting system (StreamTECH) be evaluated by the Oregon State Plumbing Board for approval. He explained that Mueller Industries and 3M joined together and found a different way of bonding the copper tubing that did not require a flame.

3M exclusively developed a 2-part epoxy and the fitting. Mueller Industries guarantees the installation for 50 years if properly installed. Mr. Close displayed an adhesive pipe that was tested at 300 PSI. The current cure-time is roughly 20 minutes. Mr. Close noted that the company is close to releasing the same 2-part epoxy that takes 3 minutes for curing.

**Motion by Vice-chair Gray** to approve the product standard with no additional information needed.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**B. Review the request for plumbing product Standard IAPMO IGC 210-2005, CPVC chemical waste DWV system**

***Public testimony***

Greg Nahrgang, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company, requested that the ChemDrain product line be reviewed by the Oregon State Plumbing Board and approved. Mr. Nahrgang noted that ASTM has issued a product Standard ASTM F-2618.

**Motion by Jack Vilendre** to approve the product standard with no additional information needed.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**VIII. Announcements - None**

**IX. Adjournment**

Chairman Ken Carlson adjourned the board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Division Boards Coordinator