

**State of Oregon
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Agenda Item I.D.

State Plumbing Board

Meeting minutes

December 17, 2009

Members present: Jonathan Gray, Vice-chair
Rick Bosch
Skai Dancey
Sarah Heinicke
Michael Perry
Robin Scheffer
Jack Vilendre

Members absent: None

Staff present: Chris Huntington manager of policy and technical services
Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector and board secretary
Brent Griffiths, lead enforcement officer
Homer Humelbaugh, assistant chief plumbing inspector
Ree Armitage, policy analyst
Richard Baumann, policy analyst
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

Guests present: Ken Carlson, former board Chairman

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Vice-chairman Jonathan Gray called the 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.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Vice-chair Gray **RULED** the agenda and order of business approved.

D. Approval of the regular board meeting minutes

Vice-chair Gray **RULED** the October 22, 2009 minutes approved.

E. Date of the next scheduled meeting

February 18, 2010

F. Board review 2010 board meeting dates

G. Board vote for Chair and Vice-chair of the State Plumbing Board

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington opened the nominations for Chair of the State Plumbing Board.

Rick Bosch nominated Vice-chair Jonathan Gray for Chair of the State Plumbing Board.

Vice-chair Gray accepted the nomination.

By unanimous consent, Vice-chair Gray is voted Chair of the State Plumbing Board.

Chair Gray nominated Robin Scheffer as Vice-chair of the State Plumbing Board.

Robin Scheffer accepted the nomination.

By unanimous consent, Robin Scheffer is voted Vice-chair of the State Plumbing Board.

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington updated the board on new individuals hired at the division:

- Legislative and Green Building Services Manager, Andrea Fogue from the League of Oregon Cities
- Ree Armitage as policy analyst for policy and technical services section from the Oregon State Legislative staff.

Manager Huntington then discussed the content of the [BCD Update](#) packet. He noted that HB 3462, passed by the 2009 Legislature, has two major components related to inspector certification:

1. It authorizes the division to establish renewal periods and fees for certifications (Phase I). Once the certification renewal process is in place in July of 2010 the first renewal cycle will begin November 2010, then every 3 years.
2. It authorizes the division to create a pilot program to develop specialized inspector certifications and training available throughout Oregon (Phase II).

A committee was established to focus exclusively on implementing the first phase of HB 3462 rulemaking, dealing with the inspector and building official certification renewal periods, processes, and fees. Phase II will begin later this fall and will follow a separate process.

SB 79 was discussed noting that the bill accomplishes three things:

- Creates a task force on energy performance scores.
- Requires an increase in the energy efficiency of 15-25 percent in commercial structures and 10-15 percent in residential structures by 2012.
- 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 noted that the energy provisions will be pulled out of the structural code to create a separate energy efficiency code. Additionally, the division has moved away from an Oregon code for the energy provisions and moved toward the International Energy Conservation Code developed by the International Code Council. Although the advisory committee has completed its meetings, the review process continues in order to insure that the new energy code meets the statutory obligation for improvements in energy efficiency of at least 15-percent in the commercial energy code. The division is anticipating an effective date for the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, and the 2010 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code to be July 1, 2010. Once the energy code is in place, the creation of the reach code is expected to begin.

B. Enforcement cases

Final order after hearing of license denial for David A. Hill.

Chief Plumbing Inspector Terry Swisher noted that Mr. Hill applied for a journeyman plumber license May 2009. Because Mr. Hill did not submit sufficient hours of academic training and experience required by the State of Oregon, his application was denied. Mr. Hill requested a hearing where the Administrative Law Judge issued a proposed order for lack of training hours. Mr. Hill did enter into an approved apprentice program but only completed 21 hours of classroom training before withdrawing from the program. The State of Oregon requires 144 hours of classroom training a year for 4 years. Mr. Hill did not receive a completion certificate from the apprentice program therefore, he was not eligible to take the journeyman plumber test.

Motion by Skai Dancey to issue a final order adopting the ALJ’s proposed order with no changes.

Motion carried unanimously

C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for cases 1 through 3, outlined on the enforcement board report. (No board action required)

Brent Griffiths, lead worker of enforcement services, spoke briefly on staffing changes with the enforcement section. He noted that Marion "Skip" Smith is permanently stationed in the Northeastern Oregon area after finishing his training in the Salem office.

IV. Communications – None

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business – None

VIII. Announcements - None

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business Chair Gray adjourned the board meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debi Barnes-Woods
Division Boards Coordinator