

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

BOARD OF APPEALS OF REFRIGERATION, AIR CONDITIONING, WARM AIR HEATING and BOILERS

Minutes

March 5th, 2020

Present: Randy Holm, Phil Sewell, Luke Parthemer, Ron Love, Frank Rash

Absent: Roger Loewenstein, Joe Samia

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Jesse Kealy, Lonny Wright

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Holm at 9:04 a.m.

Board Member Luke Parthemer made a motion to approve the February 6th, 2020 minutes, Board Member Phil seconded the motion. Motion carried (5 – 0).

Public Agenda:

Lonny Wright was present and asked the board if they knew whether or not (KOMA) Kansas Open Meetings Act would allow participation via speakerphone. Discussion led to the consensus that it probably was however they would look into it and bring back to the next meeting. This discussion led to the (KORA) Kansas Open Records Act and does it allow companies to request the names of journeyman/master mechanical installers from Kansas jurisdictions. Again there was much discussion that ended with it would be good to look more into it and bring back at the next meeting.

New Business: Board members discussed a request from new home mechanical contractors to devise a new exam for the classification Journeyman Residential Mechanic in Article V section 5.1.240. The previous exam is no longer administered through WSU and was very valuable for individuals looking to specialize in HVAC installations for new 1 & two family homes. It was agreed that the exam is still highly needed and if MABCD could take over administrating the test. Mr. Nethercot stated that he would get with the Director of MABCD to see if he would allow him to design a test by compiling specific information from mechanical contractors, journeymen, and inspectors. Questions would be based on residential mechanical codes that relate specifically to new one & two family homes. If approved, he would start the process immediately and have an update for the board at the next board meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Nethercot informed the board that the Qualified Master Form was reviewed by legal and a few suggestions came back. He said that the form is being revised and will be sent back for further review. He also stated that MABCD is not seeing a need to have the form notarized.

Board member Frank Rash motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Luke Parthemer seconded the motion, and the motion carried (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stoney Nethercot
Chief Mechanical Inspector
Secretary, Board of Mechanical Appeals.