

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

September 3rd, 2020

Present: Randy Holm, Luke Parthemer, Frank Rash, Roger Loewenstein,

Absent: Phil Sewell, Joe Samia, Ron Love

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Chris Nordick

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Holm at 9:15 a.m.

Board Member Luke Parthemer made a motion to approve the March 5th, 2020 minutes, Board Member Frank Rash seconded the motion. Motion carried (4 – 0).

Public Agenda: None

New Business:

Mr. Nethercot presented the IAPMO Flex Testing program and its security features to the mechanical board. He stated that the system requires a webcam to examine the room prior to testing and for the Flex Testing program to monitor/record the individual throughout the exam. The system will flag any unusual sounds or movements during the examination such as looking away to other areas of the room and will flag any unusual sounds. Once the exam is completed, IAPMO staff will review the entire recording including any flags that the system might have made. Mr. Nethercot mentioned that the mechanical board, (KMTRB) Kansas Mechanical Trades Review Board and Stakeholders have discussed testing via webcam and securities that would be acceptable over the last several years. After a lengthy discussion, Roger Loewenstein made a motion to accept IAPMO's Flex Testing mechanical exams for MABCD's jurisdiction. Luke Parthemer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1

Old Business:

Discussion was held in regards to the presentation by Metal Fab at the August 6th, 2020 meeting over (DCRD's) Dynamic Ceiling Radiation Dampers. After discussion, the board agreed that the enforcement of (DCRD's) would take place along with the adoption of the 2021 (IMC) International Mechanical Code.

Frank Rash presented example exam questions that were reviewed by area contractors for the residential mechanical test through (WSU) Wichita State University in the past. The board discussed the fact that this would be a good reference in the development of a new/updated exam. Board members and Mr. Nethercot were going to review the questions before the next meeting and start the process of designing a new exam.

At 10:10 am a motion was made by Roger Loewenstein to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Luke Parthemer seconded the motion, Motion carried 4-0

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