

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

July 7th, 2022

Present: Luke Parthemer, Jesse Kealy, Dave Lyons, William J. Loewenstein, Scott E. Smith, Teresa Jordan, Randy Freeman

Absent: None

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm, Bret Johnston

Chairman Luke Parthemer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Member William Loewenstein made a motion to approve the June 2nd, 2022 minutes. Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried (7 – 0).

Public Agenda:

None

New Business:

Static/Dynamic Ceiling Radiation Dampers

Board decided to push this item in order to allow more discussion on Electric Fireplaces.

Old Business:

Electric Fireplaces:

Chief Building inspector (Bret Johnston) and a WABA representative (Randy Holm) attended the meeting to discuss electric fireplaces in regards to permitting and the inspection process. Mr. Nethercot stated that questions are coming in from new home contractors on whether or not inspections are required, for electric fireplaces, and if a licensed mechanical contractor is required for the installations. This generated a lengthy discussion on the current inspection processes in the field and if requirements were consistent among inspectors. Not all parties could agree if electric fireplaces/appliances needed to be inspected therefore Mr. Nethercot said that this item would be back on the August 4th, 2022 meeting's agenda. He went on to say the permitting and licensing requirements would need to be determined before moving further along with discussions on the actual inspection process.

MABCD Updates: Mr. Nethercot informed the board that the mechanical section is down to two inspectors and a job posting, for a commercial mechanical inspector, would be coming soon.

Board member Dave Lyons motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Scott E. Smith seconded the motion - Motion carried (7-0)

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