

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

March 6th, 2025

Present: Luke Parthemer, Dave Lyons, Jesse Kealy, Scott E. Smith, Teresa Jordan

Absent: William J. Loewenstein, Randy Freeman

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm

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

Board Member Jesse Kealy made a motion to approve the February 6th, 2024 minutes. Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried (5 – 0).

Public Agenda: None

Old Business:

Safety Test – Equipment Utilizing A2L Refrigerant:

Board discussed that most manufactures installation instructions for A2L coils are stating that the refrigerant leak detection system must be verified by the hvac technician. Board went on to discuss that the IRC requires the equipment manufacturer to provide a permanent markable label for the responsible company to fill in their name along with the system refrigerant charge and refrigerant number – No Action

New Buisness:

A2L Refrigerant Seminars:

Discussion led to how many A2L seminars have been available in the industry and new ones coming up. Also mentioned there are both online and in person courses still available for no cost. Mr. Nethercot stated that most A2L courses being submitted were approved for mechanical code education being the codes are referring back to the manufacture's for the installation guidelines.– No Action

A2L Refrigerant Pipe Shafts:

Mechanical board reviewed code text for the 2024 IMC section 1109.3.2 (Shaft Ventilation) and agreed that there is no change to the industry with the moratorium that ICC, ASHRAE, and MABCD has in place until the next code cycle.

MABCD Updates:

Board discussed mechanical inspector's inspection areas including smaller cities in MABCD's jurisdiction. – No Action

Board Member Teresa Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion - Motion carried (5-0)

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