

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

April 3rd, 2025

Present: Luke Parthemer, Dave Lyons, Teresa Jordan, William J. Loewenstein, Randy Freeman

Absent: Jesse Kealy, Scott E. Smith

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm

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

Board Member Randy Freeman made a motion to approve the March 6th, 2025 minutes. Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried (5 – 0).

Public Agenda: None

Old Business:

A2L Refrigerant Seminars:

Discussion led to how many A2L seminars are still 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 the majority of A2L courses being submitted were approved for mechanical code education since the IMC and IRC are referring back to the manufactures for the installation guidelines. – No Action

A2L Refrigerant Pipe Shafts:

Mechanical Board reviewed language from the 2024 IMC as it refers to continuous ventilation or a refrigerant detector. Board also discussed pipe identification for A2L refrigerant lines and the fact that manufactures do not appear to have anything on the market yet to mark/identify these lines per code. Discussion led to a possible moratorium until the hvac industry catches up. Mr. Nethercot agreed that it was a valid point and would add this item to the May 1st agenda as well. – No Action

New Business:

(UBTC) – Article V:

Mr. Nethercot handed out copies of Article V of the UBTC so that everyone would have current information showing all changes that came from the board's 2024-code review. Board went ahead and reviewed the changes that were made and agreed that no changes were needed at this point– No Action

MABCD Updates:

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

Board Member Randy Freeman motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member William J. Loewenstein seconded the motion - Motion carried (5-0)

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