

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

May 1st, 2025

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

Absent: 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 Dave Lyons made a motion to approve the April 3rd, 2025 minutes. Board Member William Loewenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

Public Agenda: None

Old Business:

UBTC - Article V:

Mr. Nethercot asked the board if there were any questions on the approved changes to Article V that were presented in the previous meeting, no questions or comments came from the board. Mr. Nethercot went on to say that he would have additional copies for those who missed that meeting. – No Action

New Business:

Board variance: 2024 IMC 601.5 (7) and Ventilation Table 403.3.1.1 note (g)

Mr. Nethercot stated that it was his understanding that representative's from Hutton, MKEC, and CMW would be there to present the variance request. After seeing that nobody was going to attend, Mr. Nethercot went ahead with the variance that was given to the board. After reading the request, Mr. Nethercot said in short, the variance is requesting that return air can be taking from a bathroom if the bathroom is served by a dedicated air handler serving only such space. He went on to say that this air handler would be serving 3 spaces that have their own designated room numbers. MABCD's inspector who wrote the correction (James Swaim) was at the meeting and provided information showing that it was actually four rooms being served by the air handler. After a lengthy discussion Board member Dave Lyons made a motion to deny the variance stating that the code is only ok pulling return air from a bathroom, if it has a designated unit for that bathroom. Motion was seconded by Jesse Kealy – Motion carried (6-0).

A2L Pipe Identification:

Mechanical Board reviewed language from the 2024 IMC as it refers to refrigerant pipe identification. Board then discussed the fact that manufactures do not appear to have anything on the market yet to mark/identify refrigerant lines per code. Board member Jesse Kealy looked through the 2024 (UMC) Uniform Mechanical Code to see if it had similar language. After looking, he stated that the 2024 UMC does not have this requirement. Board suggested that a moratorium be made on this item until the 2027 IMC comes out or until manufactures come out with a product to meet the identification requirement. Mr. Nethercot said that he agreed and would write one up for the board to vote on at the next meeting. – No Action

MABCD Updates:

Brief discussion on how Andover inspections were going at this time. – No Action

Board Member William Loewenstein motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion - Motion carried (6-0).

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