

**METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)**

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

**Minutes**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Present: Jesse Kealy, Teresa Jordan, Scott E. Smith, Randy Freeman, Luke Parthemer

Absent: William J. Loewenstein, Dave Lyons

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm, Hiro Akatoshi, Justin Yul Kim

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

Board Member Jesse Kealy made a motion to approve the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 minutes. Board Member Randy Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried (5 – 0).

Public Agenda:

None

New Business:

Board Variance: IMC 507.2 – Hiro Akatoshi – Miya Izakaya Restaurant

Hiro Akatoshi and Yul Kim were present to request a variance from the mechanical board in regards to the requirement of a type I hood over a Miracook MA-3300 electric grill for their restaurant. Discussions led to information that the electric grill should be coming out with a UL710B listing between October and December of 2025. After discussions, the board voted to deny the variance at this time to see if the Miracook MA-3300 receives its UL710B listing before the end of the year and meet the 2024 IMC exception under section 507.2. Board member Teresa Jordan made a motion to deny the variance; board member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-1).

Old Business:

(DOE) Department of Energy – Furnace 95% AFUE Ruling

Mr. Nethercot handed out flyers to those that were not at the previous meeting that states that the Department of Energy recently released a new document for residential, non-weatherized gas furnaces that goes into effect at the end of 2028. The document would require newly manufactured, indoor residential gas furnaces to have a minimum annual fuel efficiency (AFUE) of 95%. Discussion led to the fact that it might not go into effect and that the mechanical board would revisit as new information becomes available in the future. No Action

A2L Pipe Identification:

Mr. Nethercot handed out copies of a Moratorium for section 1109.2.7 of the 2024 IMC to those who missed the previous meeting. Board members agreed that the moratorium was in order according to what was voted on in the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 mechanical board meeting. No Action

ICC International Code Council Trade Exams:

Mr. Nethercot gave the board a brief overview of his trip to Birmingham Alabama to serve on a committee for updating their journeyman/master exams from the 2018 to the 2021 editions. He stated that he would keep the board informed of any progress by the (ICC) International Code Conference to update the exams to the 2021 (IMC) International Mechanical Code and (IFGC) International Fuel Gas Code editions. – No Action

MABCD Updates:

None

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

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