

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

September 4th, 2025

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

Absent: Randy Freeman

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Bret Johnston, Randy Holm

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

Board Member Scott Smith made a motion to approve the July 3rd, 2025 minutes. Board Member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

Public Agenda:

None

New Business:

Fire Blocking:

Chief Building Inspector (Bret Johnston) was present to discuss MABCD's recent newsletter article in regards to Fire Blocking. Mr. Johnston stated that nothing has changed as far as the fire blocking requirements however fire-blocking inspections are now being made by the building inspectors. He also added that contractors were allowed in the past to make sure that fire blocking was being done before being covered up with sheetrock. Randy Holmes with the Wichita Area Builders Association stated that some things have changed or would be changing which led to back and forth discussion. Mr. Nethercot suggested that the board bring this back under old business and have anybody with related corrections or issues in the field, to take pictures or right down specific corrections to bring to the October 2nd, 2025 meeting.

Two Stage Furnace Venting Inspections:

Mr. Nethercot discussed a correction notice brought to his attention, concerning two stage furnace-venting requirements. The correction was requiring a type B vent connector because of the minimum BTU rating for the furnace. Board members reviewed the (GAMA) Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association Venting tables along with the 2024 (IFGC) International Fuel Gas Code venting tables and agreed that in most all instances that type B flue connectors would be required for 80% two-stage furnaces because of the minimum output ratings. Board also agreed that this did not need a vote since the IFGC and the GAMA venting tables require it.

Old Business:

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

Mr. Nethercot told the board that he had spoken with Hiro Akatoshi and Yul Kim after the mechanical board meeting last month in regards to board's decision for the requirement of a type I hood over a Miracook MA-3300 electric grill for their restaurant. He states that he did let them know that the board denied the variance however; all agreed that the electric grill would meet code, for being vent-less, once it receives a UL710B listing. Mr. Nethercot added that they were ok with the mechanical board's decision and were hoping to receive the UL710B listing between October and December 2025.

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.