

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

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

**Minutes**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

Absent: Teresa Jordan

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm

Co-Chairman Dave Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Member Dave Lyons made a motion to approve February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, minutes. Board Member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

Public Agenda:

None

Old Business:

2027 (IMC) International Mechanical Code:

2027 (IFGC) International Fuel Gas Code:

Mr. Nethercot stated that ICC code hearings were coming up later in the year, however there were no new updates at this time. He advised that he would continue to monitor ICC's progress and would keep the board informed. No action taken.

Mechanical Board terms:

Discussion was held on the terms and timelines for both COW's and Sedgwick County's mechanical board members. Mr. Nethercot brought up the websites pertaining to each position on the board. Board discussed that a new chairman and co-chairman would need to be voted on once the current chairman, Luke Parthemer, completes his fourth term and someone is appointed to that position. No action taken.

New Business:

Residential New Home Certifications and Examinations:

Mr. Nethercot informed the board that mechanical inspectors are continuing to check for active certifications in the field to ensure that journeyman or master technicians are present on jobsites. Board discussion led to what the penalties were and if installers would have to quit working if there was no journeyman or master present. Mr. Nethercot stated that they would have to stop until a certificate holder was on the job with them and that penalties would be determined upon the number of offenses. He went on to say that he would be contacting the qualified master for any incident and would document the details and number of violations. He added that if there were repeated violations that the qualified master and owner of the company would be added to the board's agenda, for review. No action taken.

MABCD Updates:

House Bill 2588 was passed out to the board and Mr. Nethercot asked if anybody had heard mention of the HB2588 or that it had passed the House on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by a vote of 113 to 9. Board discussion led to the fact that none of them had heard of HB2588, however they would not be against state licensing if it would not affect MABCD's current codes. Conversation continued that this bill is just for electricians, however everyone agreed that the other trades would likely be coming soon. Mr. Nethercot said that he would continue to monitor as it goes before senate and add it the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, agenda.

Board Member Randy Freeman motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion - Motion carried (6-0).

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