

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

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

Minutes

April 2nd, 2026

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

Absent: Luke Parthemer

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Randy Holm

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

Board Member Teresa Jordan made a motion to approve March 5th, 2026, minutes. Board Member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

Public Agenda: None

Old Business:

2027 (IMC) International Mechanical 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:

Mr. Nethercot informed the board that Luke Parthemer's final term was up and that the City of Wichita appointed Randy Holm to the board. Board Member William Lowenstein made a motion to elect Dave Lyons as the new chairperson. Board Member Jesse Kealy seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Residential New Home Certifications:

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. He added that there were two others that had taken and passed the new home only exams to obtain their certifications and that inspectors will continue to check while in the field. No action taken.

New Business: UBTC - Article V

Mechanical board agreed to bring this item back to the May 7th, 2026, meeting.

Kansas House Bill 2588

Board discussed that the bill had moved quickly with much of the industry not even aware. The board also felt like that although this bill is for electricians and state licensing, that it might be the start to all trades being under state codes in addition to licensing, and that it would take away from Home Rule in Kansas. No action taken.

MABCD Updates:

Discussion was held on two items of interest that could be coming before the board. One was companies that are refurbishing existing RTU's and the other was Rheia HVAC Systems. Brief discussion led to possibly bringing these items back in future meetings with more information. No action taken.

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.