

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

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

**Minutes**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Present: Randy Holm, Luke Parthemer, Ron Love, Frank Rash, Roger Loewenstein, Joe Samia

Absent: Phil Sewell

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Scott Schmelzer, Shaun Ray, Mark Blisset, Joleen Lorg

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Holm at 9:07 a.m.

Board Member Luke Parthemer made a motion to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes, Board Member Roger Loewenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

**Public Agenda:**

Scott Schmelzer, Shaun Ray, & Mark Blisset were all present to put on a presentation and discuss Dynamic Ceiling Radiation Dampers (DCRD's). Shaun Ray stated that Metal Fab has developed a DCRD, had it UL tested/approved and currently Metal-Fab has the only UL 555C listed DCRD. The presentation showed how Static Ceiling Radiation Dampers (SCRD's) are not sufficient in situations where hvac units are still operating in the event of a fire. He also showed the changes to the 2021 IMC, which now makes it clear that SCRD's will only be allowed if the hvac system automatically shuts down in the event of a fire. This led to much discussion by all attendees, as it would be a big change to the industry. After wrapping up the presentation/discussion, the board agreed that it would like to discuss this again at the next meeting to see if they wanted to implement DCRD's before the adoption of the 2021 IMC.

New Business: Mr. Nethercot handed out the 2021 International Mechanical Code books to board members to review for next month's meeting. He asked the board to review the first two chapters and be ready to discuss at the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Nethercot informed the board that the Qualified Master Form is not going to be utilized however all licensees' paperwork will be reviewed by the appropriate Chief before being approved.

Discussion on a new exam, for installers that only work on new, one and two family homes.

Board member Luke Parthemer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Roger Loewenstein seconded the motion, and the motion carried (6-0)

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