

MINUTES

UTAH  
UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION  
MEETING

January 13, 2016

Sandy City Hall – 9:00 am  
Room 341  
Sandy, UT

STAFF:

Dan S. Jones, Bureau Manager  
Sharon Smalley, Board Secretary

COMMISSIONERS:

Ron McArthur	Christopher Jensen
Justin Naser	Richard Butz
Bryant Pankratz (excused)	Chris Joyal
Alex Butwinski (absent)	Casey Vorwaller (excused)
Patrick Tomasino	Kevin Emerson

PLUMBING/HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jody Hilton	Linda Ebert
Jeff Park	Andrea Gamble
Nathan Lunstad	Robert Patterson (excused)
Nelson Hooton	

MECHANICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brent Ursenbach	Roger Hamlet
David Halverson	David Wilson
Dennis Thatcher	Tyler Lewis (excused)
Roger Hamlet	Trent Hunt (excused)

VISITORS:

Chris Jensen	Linda Johnson
Ross Ford, UHBA	Ashley Soltysiak, HEAL Utah
Scott Marsell, Sandy City	Meghan Dutton, Utah Clean Energy
Taz Biesinger, UHBA	Alyssa Wahlin, Questar
Dave McNeill, UDEQ	Bryce Bird, UDEQ
Tom Peterson, DFCM	Scott Youngstrom, Yellowstone Log Homes
Dave Hill, UPHCA	Thomas Bute

SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS

Dan Jones administered the oath of office for the

**ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR  
FOR THE PLUMBING/HEALTH ADVI-  
SORY COMMITTEE**

three new members of the Plumbing/Health Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Nathan Lunstad to nominate Jody Hilton as chair. The motion was seconded by Linda Ebert and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jody Hilton to nominate Nathan Lunstad as vice chair. The motion was seconded by Jeff Park and passed unanimously.

**APPOINT LIAISONS FOR PLUMB-  
ING/HEALTH AND MECHANICAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The appointment of a liaison for the Plumbing/Health Advisory Committee was delayed until there is someone on the Commission that represents the plumbing industry.

A motion was made by Chris Joyal to appoint Patrick Tomasino as the liaison for the Mechanical Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Chris Jensen and passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Richard Butz to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2015 UBC Commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Patrick Tomasino and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dennis Thatcher to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2015 Mechanical Advisory Committee meeting as written. The motion was seconded by David Halverson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jeff Park to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2015 Plumbing/Health Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Nathan Lunstad and passed unanimously.

**REVIEW THE DIVISION OF AIR  
QUALITY'S PROPOSED RULE FOR  
NOx GAS FIRED WATER HEATERS  
AND MAKE A RECOMMENDA-  
TION**

Bryce Bird spoke to those present in connection with the proposed rule. Following his presentation, comments were heard from those present. After the discussion by all present, a motion was made by Kevin Emerson to make a recommendation to the legislature in support of moving forward with the proposed rule for NOx gas fired water heaters but

to do further study on pricing and the cost of installation and to wait for the outcome of the Questar testing. The motion was seconded by Brent Ursenbach. Following the discussion on the motion, the motion was withdrawn and the second concurred.

A new motion was made by Ron McArthur that the Commission and Advisory Committees make a recommendation to the legislature in support of the concept and the idea as written in the proposed rule presented by DAQ on moving towards low NOx water heaters. There are some concerns regarding altitude which can be reported on by Questar and that report is expected in June or July as to whether they can perform as expected and safely. There are also concerns about clarifying the cost of the water heater and the cost of installation information and as to whether it is to be enforced statewide. These issues should be studied and resolved. If they can be resolved, then move forward. The motion was seconded by Richard Butz and passed unanimously by the Commission and two advisory committees.

A motion was made by Ron McArthur that once the ruling on low NOx water heaters is finalized, that the UBC Commission formulates an amendment and makes a recommendation to the legislature that the new ruling be incorporated as part of the building code amendments. The motion was seconded by Chris Jensen. The motion passed with a unanimous vote from the Plumbing/Health Advisory and Mechanical Advisory Committees and a vote of six in favor and Kevin Emerson abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

8-10-16  
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Richard Betz  
~~Justin Naser~~ Richard Betz  
Vice-Chairperson, Uniform Building Code Commission

D.S. Jones  
Dan S. Jones  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional  
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