

## MINUTES

### UTAH PLUMBER'S LICENSING BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2009

Room 475 09:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

<b>CONVENED</b>	09:03 A.M.
<b>ADJOURNED</b>	10:28 A.M.
<b>BUREAU STAFF</b>	Wayne Holman, <i>Chief Investigator</i> Dennis Meservy, <i>Bureau Manager</i> Yvonne King, <i>Board Secretary</i> Susan Higgs, <i>Compliance</i>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	David Told, <i>Chair</i> David Halverson Ed Gongaware Travis Dalley Sean Conlon
<b>VISITORS</b>	Steven Hudson, <i>Applicant</i> Jeff Pedersen, <i>Utah Plumbing &amp; Heating Contractors Assoc</i> Will Pierce, <i>Salt Lake Community College</i> Lori Stewart, <i>Mountainland Applied Tech College</i>
<b>MINUTES</b>	David Halverson made a motion to approve the August 2009 board meeting minutes as written. Ed Gongaware seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>	Susan Higgs reviewed the status of the probationers with the board and indicated only four were not in compliance. She, however, expected them to come into compliance, because the four were merely lacking their employer reports.
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>	Wayne Holman stated investigations had been slow, but with the slow economy there had been more complaints.
<b>SUPERVISION</b>	Dennis Meservy, as requested by the board, provided present and past definitions of supervision.

The board found the present definition of immediate supervision in Utah Code 58-55-102(20) to be too vague and would like to have the statute changed so that immediate supervision could be defined by administrative rule. Industry would need to find a sponsor for a bill to make this change to the statute. Jeff Pedersen stated that he would look into this further. This will be an agenda item for the next board meeting.

## **TESTING**

### **Completion of School**

The board discussed the possibility of allowing apprenticeship students to take the written portion of the state journeyman test as soon as they completed their schooling. There was a concern that individuals at the time they become licensed should know the code. There, however, are individuals that take years to complete the testing process. Meservy mentioned the Electrical Board in their discussion of allowing students to test after completing school brought up an idea that required further discussion. Individuals that complete apprentice school, and have 6,000 out of their 8,000 hours of work experience, would be allowed to take all parts of the state journeyman examination. Such testing candidates would then have a time frame, such as a year, to complete the testing process. If the testing process was not completed within the established time frame, all parts of the test would have to be retaken.

### **PSI**

PSI test scores were reviewed. After a review of the test scores, the board requested the strength and weakness reports for two testing candidates that took and failed the written part of the master plumber examination in August. The board requested a report from Kent Barnes in regards to the impact on PSI of using a qualification affidavit instead of preapproval by the Division and about the board reviewing with PSI the general knowledge portion of the journeyman test. These will be agenda items for the next board meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

The board discussed a rule change that would reduce installation and setting of plumbing appliances and fixtures from 1,400 hours to 1,200 hours for a journeyman and 1,000 to 800 hours for a residential journeyman. Also, for both journeyman and residential journeyman there would be two additional work experience areas that would include hydronics piping and equipment: 300 hours; and fire suppression system installation: 100 hours. This will be an agenda item for the next board meeting.

The board wanted to know the status of the administrative rule requiring continuing education for plumbers and requested that Mark Steinagel give them an update at the next board meeting.

**APPLICATION/DISCIPLINARY REVIEW**

**Steven Hudson**

No applications reviewed this month.

Meservy presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Steven Hudson who has a criminal record. Hudson's journeyman license expired in 2006 and he applied to reinstate his license. He was present at the meeting and spoke to the board. Hudson said he was originally licensed as a journeyman plumber in 1979. Travis Dalley made a motion to approve the memorandum. The probation period for Hudson would be four years and drug testing would be for a minimum of two years. Halverson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. This memorandum will now move forward to the Construction Services Commission.

**All business concluded meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

(ss) David Told  
David Told, Board Chair

Date: October 7, 2009

(ss) Dennis Meservy  
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager

Date: October 7, 2009