MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS
September 3, 2026
10:00 am

CALL TO ORDER:
At approximately 10:55 a.m., immediately following Plumbing hearings (if any), Chairman Ronnie Smith called the meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners to order in the CIB Conference Room, 2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronnie Smith, Brian Dunlap, Thomas Berry, Glen Cates and Scott Ringwald

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

PRESENT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD:
Jan Hubbard, Administrator; Tony DeSha Public Relations & Outreach Officer; Richard Hager, Plumbing Supervisor; Dannette Yousey, Plumbing Division Secretary and Dale Hudson, Mechanical Supervisor; Buddy Osborn, Plumbing Field Investigator; Stan Scheilz, Plumbing Field Investigator.

OTHERS PRESENT: Maria Maule, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Dearman, Local 344 Training Center; Josh VanTassel, Local 344 Training Center; David Hames, PHCC OKC; Joe Carter, OK Department of Career Tech;, Noah Ramirez; Justin Siler, Meridian Technology Center.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT
This regular meeting of the State Committee of Plumbing Examiners, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., on this 3rd day of September 2026, has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, §§ 301 through 314.

Further, this meeting was preceded by advance public notice filed electronically with the Secretary of State specifying the time and place of the meeting here convened. The agenda was posted and displayed in public view on the office site of the Construction Industries Board and notice of this meeting was given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior hereto.

18 people have filed a written request for notice of meetings of this public body to date.

Read aloud this 3rd day of September 2026

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

UPDATE ON PLUMBING ACTIVITY

Mr. Hager discussed the plumbing activity and provided statistical updates, field contacts, contractor and journeyman counts, and "pass/fail" rates for July 2026.

Mr. Hager reported he attended the Vo Tech Summit at OSU/Okmulgee.

ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS HELD ON JULY 2, 2026.

The Committee was provided with a draft of the Minutes for July 2, 2026, regular meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

MOTION MADE BY THOMAS BERRY WITH A SECOND BY BRIAN DUNLAP TO ACCEPT JULY 2, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap

Abstain: Glen Cates
Scott Ringwald

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVING NEW INSTRUCTOR, LEE ASHCRAFT, FOR TULSA TECHNOLOGY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 1,000-HOUR COURSE.

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by Tulsa Technology Center 1,000 Hour course for new instructor, Lee Ashcraft.

MOTION MADE BY GLEN CATES WITH A SECOND BY SCOTT RINGWALD TO APPROVE NEW INSTRUCTOR, LEE ASHCROFT FOR TULSA TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1,000 HOUR COURSE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Glen Cates
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap
Scott Ringwald

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVING NEW PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR, TOMMY CARNER, AND UPDATE TO THE COURSE CURRICULUM FOR MERIDIAN TECHNOLOGY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 250-HOUR COURSE

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by Meridian Technology on their updated 250-hour course and new instructor, Tommy Carner.

MOTION MADE BY SCOTT RINGWALD WITH A SECOND BY THOMAS BERRY TO APPROVE UPDATED 250-HOUR COURSE AND NEW INSTRUCTOR, TOMMY CARNER

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Glen Cates
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap
Scott Ringwald

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVING NEW PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR, TOMMY CARNER, AND UPDATE TO THE COURSE CURRICULUM FOR MERIDIAN TECHNOLOGY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 500-HOUR COURSE

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by Meridian Technology on their updated 500-hour course and new instructor, Tommy Carner.

MOTION MADE BY BRIAN DUNLAP WITH A SECOND BY SCOTT RINGWALD TO APPROVE UPDATED 500-HOUR COURSE AND NEW INSTRUCTOR, TOMMY CARNER

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Glen Cates
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap
Scott Ringwald

Discussion with possible vote on CEU Request:

OKLAHOMA PLUMBING INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (OPIA), 2024 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ESSENTIALS, OCTOBER 29, 2026, GARY GAUTHIER AND MARK STEPHENS, INSTRUCTORS, FOR 6-CREDIT HOURS.

The Committee was provided with a copy of the material submitted by Oklahoma Plumbing Inspectors Association (***OPIA),*** 2024 International Plumbing Code Essentials CEU Course, October 29, 2026, Gary Gauthier and Mark Stephens, Instructors, for 6-credit hours.

MOTION MADE BY THOMAS BERRY WITH A SECOND BY BRIAN DUNLAP TO APPROVE THE OKLAHOMA PLUMBING INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION (OPIA), CE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Glen Cates
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap
Scott Ringwald

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY BRIAN DUNLAP WITH A SECOND BY THOMAS BERRY TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Glen Cates
Thomas Berry
Brian Dunlap
Scott Ringwald

Minutes approved in Regular Session on the 5th day of November 2026.

/s/ Ronnie Smith
Ronnie Smith, Chairman

PREPARED BY: /s/ Dannette Yousey
Dannette Yousey, Secretary to the Plumbing Examining Committee