

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS**

September 5, 2024

10:00 am

CALL TO ORDER:

At approximately 11:13 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, Glen Cates, Stacy Coe, Jason Bement,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Berry

PRESENT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD:

Jan Hubbard, Administrator; Tony DeSha Public Relations & Outreach Officer; Richard Hager, Plumbing Supervisor; Dannette Yousey, Plumbing Division Secretary; Buddy Osborn, Plumbing Field Investigator; Stan Scheilz, Plumbing Field Investigator.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Dutton, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Dearman, Local 344 JATC; Scott Ringwald, Mid-Del Tech.

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 5th day of September 2024, 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 5th day of September 2024.

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 June 2024.

Mr. Hager attended two different workforce development meetings, at Meridian Tech and Central Tech along with Mr. Tony DeSha, explaining our workforce fund that is available. He also attended Tulsa Tech and Canadian Valley advisory meetings and the Career Tech annual Summit where all the instructors get together statewide and talk about anything that has happened or anything coming up.

ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS HELD ON JULY 11, 2024.

The Committee was provided a draft of the Minutes for the July 11, 2024, regular meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

MOTION MADE BY STACY COE WITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO ACCEPT THE JULY 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

MOTION PASSED
Absent: Thomas Berry

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD ON A FIVE-YEAR RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE UNLIMITED JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER LICENSE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE UNLIMITED JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER LICENSE WITH THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

MOTION PASSED
Absent: Thomas Berry

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE TO ELECT TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO AN EXAMINATION TASKFORCE, ALONG WITH DISCUSSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS AND PROCEDURES, TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING CONTRACTOR EXAM WITH ANY NEEDED REVIEW OF THE RESIDENTIAL JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER EXAM AND TO RECOMMEND EXAMS ON AN INTERIM BASIS ALLOWING THE EXAM TO BE AVAILABLE BY THE OCTOBER 1, 2024, EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RULES

Mr. Ronnie Smith and Mr. Glen Cates volunteered to serve on the Examination Taskforce for the development of the Residential Plumbing Contractor exam.

MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO APPOINT MR. RONNIE SMITH AND MR. GLEN CATES TO SERVE ON THE EXAMINATION TASKFORCE TO DEVELOP THE RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING CONTRACTOR EXAMINATION.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

Absent: Thomas Berry

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE OF CHAIR

Mr. Cates nominated Mr. Ronnie Smith to be the Chair of the Plumbing Committee.

MOTION MADE BY GLEN CATES WITH A SECOND BY STACY COE TO NOMINATE MR. GLEN CATES TO BE CHAIR FOR THE PLUMBING EXAMINERS COMMITTEE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

Absent: Thomas Berry

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Glen Cates to be the Vice-Chair of the Plumbing Committee.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY STACY COE TO NOMINATE MR. RONNIE SMITH TO BE CHAIR FOR THE PLUMBING EXAMINERS COMMITTEE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

Absent: Thomas Berry

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY STACY COE TO ADJOURN.

Voting aye: Ronnie Smith
Jason Bement
Glen Cates
Stacy Coe

MOTION PASSED
Absent: Thomas Berry

Minutes approved in Regular Session on the 7th day of November 2024.

/s/ Ronnie Smith
Ronnie Smith, Vice-Chairman

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