



Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
July 30, 2013**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 3rd Floor, Room 300, Austin, Texas.

Chair Jerry Garza called the Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Garza, Stephen Cox, Paul Hovey, William Harris, and Thomas Combs, Michael Nail and Nick Dawson.

Staff Members in Attendance: Dan McNabb, Joe Parker, Julie Kirby, Leon Barba, Chris Phillips, and JB Meier.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting was approved as amended on a motion from Board Member Combs second by Board Member Cox for a 7-0 vote.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Code Adoption Update** – Dan McNabb provided an update and discussed the 2012 codes that were adopted on June 6, 2013 and effective September 16, 2013. He discussed the adoption of the 2012 Plumbing code including the gray water section. Building Inspections wants to include an amendment in the code regarding the RPZ requirement at the meter because the Water Utility is currently requiring it.
 - b. **Code Interpretation for Registers for Balancing Dampers** - The Board discussed the code interpretation and clarified that residential registers can be opened or closed manually, which addresses balancing. Since the Energy Code requires balancing, the manufacturer must confirm their product does balancing. The Board discussed that if a unit serves a singular room, then the code requirement does not apply in this circumstance for R2 and R3 occupancy types. The Board suggested adding this language for clarification, “excluding units that serve one space” and it should be accessible for balancing.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board requested the following issues for future discussion: AWU local amendment requiring RPZ for graywater systems, and Drought Stage III water conservation requirements relating to car washes, laundry mats, etc.
5. **ADJOURN**

The Board Member Nail made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Board Member Cox for a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.