



Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
July 29, 2014**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, 1st Floor.

Chair Jerry Garza called the Meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Nail, Paul Hovey, Stephen Cox, Jerry Garza, and Thomas Combs. **Board Members Not in Attendance:** William Harris and Nick Dawson

Staff Members in Attendance: Trebor Brown and Julie Kirby.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting was approved as amended on a motion from Board Member Combs second by Cox for a 5-0 vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

a. Discuss Task Force recommendation for the consolidation of the three technical boards.

Trebor Brown, PDRD, presented an overview and staff's suggested composition if Council approves the consolidated into a Life Safety Board.

After a thorough discussion, Board Member Combs made a motion to not support the consolidation of the three technical boards second by Board Member Nail for a vote of 5-0. Combs added that each board has specialized expertise for the different industries. The Board also discussed removing the Austin residency requirement for board members, continuing to include the Texas Gas Utility as a board member, and to require a 2/3 majority vote especially for code adoption ordinances.

After additional discussion, Board Member Cox made a motion to modify the Mechanical Plumbing Solar Board composition to create 11 members based on the following list and second by Board Member Combs for a vote of 5-0.

- 1 Mechanical/Electric/Plumbing Engineer
- 3 HVAC Contractors (at least 1 residential Class B license, 2 commercial Class A license)
- 3 Plumbing Contractors (at least 1 "Responsible" residential and 1 "Responsible" commercial)
- 1 Representative from the local gas utility
- 1 Citizen
- 1 Residential Contractor
- 1 Solar Contractor

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update from the Austin Water Utility on backflow legislation.

5. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Combs and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.