



**Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board
Approved MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2016**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at One Texas Center Building, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Bowie, Joseph Cooper, Stephen Cox, David Dixon, Jerry Garza, and Robert Thornton. William Harris was absent.

Staff Members in Attendance: Jose Roig, Trebor Brown, Julie Kirby, Tony Hernandez, Michael Husted, John Umphress, Kurt Stodgill, Heidi Kasper, Robert Stefani, and Steven Wheele.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 22, 2015 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Cooper second by Bowie for a 6-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Work Group Report on adoption of the 2015 Plumbing and Mechanical Codes.**
 - Board Chair Thornton provided an overview of the comparison of the Uniform and International codes compiled by the work group. Mark Roberts and Cyndi Lewis with the International Code Council (ICC) support the adoption of the International Codes. John Mata, IAPMO, agrees with the Work Group report and supports the adoption of the Uniform Codes. Monty Lowell supports the Uniform codes and believes the Uniform is better suited for the Austin community. After lengthy discussion, the Board deferred a recommendation to the next meeting.
 - b. **Draft Code Amendment for the adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) (Residential Energy Code), and ASHRAE 90.1 2013 (Commercial Energy Code).**
 - Michael Husted presented proposed amendments for the adoption of ASHRAE. The Board discussed that the currently adopted IECC which allows 3 options for developers (IECC, ASHRAE or an alternate prescriptive method). After lengthy discussion, the Board generally supports the ASHRAE amendment but not supportive of limiting development options by the use of only one code. The Board made a motion to draft an informational memo to the Building & Fire Code Board. Motion was made by Board Member Cooper second by Bowie for a 6-0 vote.
 - John Umphress presented the proposed amendments for residential to the adoption of the 2015 IECC.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Discussion over adoption of the International Residential Code for residential construction and plumbing based on Attorney General opinion's. (Jose Roig, Tony Hernandez)
 - Board Recommendation for the adoption of either the 2015 Uniform or 2015 International as the Plumbing and Mechanical Codes for the City of Austin. (Continued Discussion)
 - Discussion over status of currently adopted Solar Code and need to update the Solar code for the City of Austin. (David Dixon)
5. **ADJOURN** - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cox and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.