



**Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board
APPROVED MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2016**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the LRC Airport Facility, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, TX.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

Staff Members in Attendance: Julie Kirby, Tony Hernandez, Trebor Brown, and Steven Wheele.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – Monty Lowell

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Board Member Bowie made a motion to elect Robert Thornton as Chair and second by Dixon for an 8-0 vote.
- b. Board Member Cooper made a motion to elect Stephen Cox as Vice Chair and second by Bowie for an 8-0 vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Garza second by Cooper for an 8-0 vote.

4. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BOARD REPORT

- a. The Board drafted the 2015 Annual Board Report. Board Member Cooper made a motion to adopt the report as amended and second by Bowie for an 8-0 vote.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

a. Clarification on code section related to 2012 UPC testing requirements for PVC pipe.

Staff provided concerns about the danger of air testing non-pressure PVC pipe. The air pressure test has been in the Code since 1983 and the Board has previously discussed this issue years ago. The Board decided that city staff should enforce the requirements of R318.5 requiring the use of a 5 psi gauge and also strictly enforce the 3 PSI test requirement. Staff will draft a memo stating such, and also draft language for the Building Criteria Manual for future reference. The memo will be sent to stakeholders and plumbing supply houses.

b. Update on the status of the currently adopted 2006 Uniform Solar Code.

The Board discussed that the NEC provides requirements for solar installations and the 2006 solar code should be repealed. Board Member Dixon made a motion to repeal the 2006 USC second by Lumbley for an 8-0 vote.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review draft code amendment for the Plumbing and Mechanical Codes.
- The Board would like to discuss recent changes to the City's "Temp Gas" process for commercial phasing projects.

5. ADJOURN - Board Member Cox made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.