

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

**July 7, 2022**

**10:00 am**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

At approximately 10:34 a.m., Chairman Kenny Whitson called the meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners to order in the CIB Conference Room, 2401 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenny Whitson, Ronnie Smith, Jason Bement, Glen Cates, and Stacy Coe

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**PRESENT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD:**

Richard Hager, Plumbing Supervisor; Dannette Yousey, Plumbing Division Secretary; Windy Nunnery, Office Manager; Debra Wojtek, Public Relations and Outreach Officer; Shereice Word, Mechanical Division Secretary and Stan Scheilz, Plumbing Field Investigator; Cody Davis, Plumbing Field Investigator; Timothy Bement, Mechanical Field Investigator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Dutton, Assistant Attorney General; Clinton Caswell, Mid-Del Technology; Christina Selby, City of Duncan; Brian Dearman, Local 344; Zachary Tippett, Plumbing Solutions Inc, Kent Tippett, Plumbing Solutions Inc, Scott Ringwald, Mid-Del Technology; Rick Spaulding, Mid-Del Technology; Aimee Harden, Mid-Del Technology

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, 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.

14 people have filed a written request for notice of meetings of this public body to date.

Read aloud this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kent Tippett stated it would be a great help for our industry to allow students to go into a high school program for two years to account for two years of credit towards a journeyman license when they get out of school. We have people in our industry, especially in new construction, residential that will acquire a 6,000-hour requirement in two, two and half years instead of the

three years, 6,000 hours based on a 40-hour work week. We have people in our industry in new construction residential that works 60-70 hours a week that can be backed up through W-2's, IRS forms, whatever we say that can arbitrarily. The three-year apprentice program sometimes doesn't apply to what we do, it could apply to commercial work or other avenues other than residential. He has talked with the Mid-Del instructors to get some of their students on some of their jobsites if they can get the age requirements worked out with their insurance. They are doing what they can to promote the plumbing industry, whatever they can do as overall industry through CIB and through instructors with the Vo-Techs is very needed at this time.

**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 May 2022.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS HELD ON MAY 5, 2022.**

The Committee was provided a draft of the Minutes for the May 5, 2022, regular meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

MOTION MADE BY STACY COE WITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO ACCEPT THE MAY 5, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates  
Stacy Coe

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY MID-DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR 250 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM QUALIFYING AS 1/2 YEAR OR SIX MONTHS CREDIT TOWARDS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, CLINTON CASWELL, INSTRUCTOR. – RICK SPAULDING, ACD DIRECTOR**

The Committee was provided a copy of the Mid-Del Technology Center for 250 hours plumbing program and a copy of the BIO for the Instructor, Clinton Caswell.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY STACY COE TO ACCEPT THE FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY MID-DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR 250 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM QUALIFYING AS 1/2 YEAR OR SIX MONTHS CREDIT TOWARDS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, CLINTON CASWELL, INSTRUCTOR.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates  
Stacy Coe

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY MID-DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR 1,000 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM QUALIFYING AS 2 YEARS CREDIT TOWARDS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, SCOTT RINGWALD, INSTRUCTOR. – AIMEE HARDEN, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION**

The Committee was provided a copy of the Mid-Del Technology Center for 1,000 hours plumbing program and a copy of the BIO for the Instructor, Tony Ogden.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY STACY COE TO ACCEPT THE FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY MID-DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR 1,000 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM QUALIFYING AS 2 YEARS CREDIT TOWARDS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, SCOTT RINGWALD, INSTRUCTOR.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates  
Stacy Coe

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON CEU REQUEST:**

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by *O.P.I.A. (OK Plumbing Inspector's Association)*, 2018 IPC Update & Essentials, July 28, 2022, Jim Cika, Instructor, for 6-credit hours.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO APPROVE O.P.I.A'S CEU APPLICATION AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates  
Stacy Coe

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates  
Stacy Coe

Minutes approved in Regular Session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2022.

/s/ Kenny Whitson  
Kenny Whitson, Chairman

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