

**IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE/
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Wednesday – October 14, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. (MDT)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene
155 North Maple Street, Blackfoot**

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

NOTE: The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting; however, is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Matt Gardner called the special meeting to order at 10:58 a.m. (MDT)

Board Members Present:

Matt Gardner, Chairman
Gilbert Pond, Vice-Chairman
John Kierce
Rick Garrett
Bob King

DBS Staff Members Present:

Ron Whitney, Administrator
Patrick J. Grace, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Shelly Farris, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
John Nielsen, Plumbing Program Manager
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Vote to Authorize Notice of Omnibus Fee Rulemaking – Adoption of Pending Fee Rule with Regard to IDAPA 24.39.20 in Docket Number 24-0000-2000F**

The Deputy Administrator addressed the history, as well as the rulemaking processes required to ensure the pending fee rule stays in effect until possible approval at the 2021 legislature. In September 2020, the proposed rule was published in the Administrative Bulletin; requiring a public comment period of 21-days. The Division has not received any comments. The text of the rule has not changed since it was submitted at the last legislature; however, with the recent structural move of DBS into the Idaho Department of Occupational and Professional Licenses, IDAPA 07.02.02 has been changed to 24.39.20.

MOTION: Gilbert Pond made a motion to vote to authorize Notice of Omnibus Fee Rulemaking – Adoption of Pending Fee Rule with regard to IDAPA 24.39.20 in Docket Number 24-0000-2000F. Rick Garrett seconded. Roll Call: Rick Garrett-Aye, Gilbert Pond-Aye, John Kierce-Aye, Bob King-Aye, and Matt Gardner-Aye. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Universal Licensure**

In 2017, when Lt. Governor Little was Acting-Governor, an executive order was issued asking each agency to come up with a report on how to reduce barriers for licensure. Since then the Division has brought forth various topics pertaining to licensure and barriers for licensure. At the 2020 legislature, Senate Bill 1351 *Occupational Licensing* passed and

became effective July 1, 2020. The two main points of the bill that affects the Division's boards are Idaho Codes §§ 67-9408 *Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee* and 67-9409 *Universal Licensure*. The committee is comprised of legislators that will review all new proposed regulation/licensure; making a non-binding recommendation to the House and Senate and a universal licensure process to facilitate the efficient transfer of licenses between states to help fill needed positions in Idaho.

The Plumbing Program Manager stated in the future the Board will need to look at a boiler license as many states currently issue one that covers both commercial and residential; whereas, Idaho's appliance specialty license is strictly residential. This topic was informational; therefore, no action was required.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Gilbert Pond made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. (MDT)

MATT GARDNER, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD

RON WHITNEY, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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