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Minutes of 05/09/2023

Board Members	Matt Gardner, Chair	Division	John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Present:	John Kierce	Staff:	Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
	Bob King		Michael Hyde, BCRE Operations Manager
	Bill Harmon		Carlotta Zito, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MT by Matt Gardner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 03/09/23 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Harmon, the State Plumbing Board's newest member, was introduced.

BOARD BUSINESS

Building, Plumbing & 2018 Energy Code Discussion: Proposed amendments to remove portions of the energy code were discussed. Michael Hyde, BCRE Operations Manager, and Executive Officer John Nielsen sought feedback from the Board with respect to enforcement of the plumbing portions of the energy code currently regulated by the Idaho Building Code Board. The Board discussed Appendix L, and whether it could be modified through the Negotiated Rulemaking Process.

Plumbing Code 1210.1.5 and International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) 404.6 (Piping entering buildings): Executive Officer Nielsen explained that Plumbing Code 1210.1.5 allows gas pipes to enter a building underground; however, IFGC 404.6 does not. Executive Officer Nielsen stated it would be helpful to make rules consistent between the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and plumbing industries. The Board discussed whether it would be appropriate to amend this section in the plumbing code or HVAC code.

Plumbing Code Table 422.1 and the IBC - Ch. 29 (Fixtures): Executive Officer Nielsen discussed Table 422; a list of minimum plumbing facilities required in buildings. The plumbing tables and the building code tables have variations. If there is no building authority in a particular area, plumbing inspectors would use Table 422.1 out of the plumbing code. Executive Officer Nielsen stated if the Board agrees with the way this has been interpreted then no action is presently needed.

Public Comment: Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing, expressed concern about employees renewing licenses prior to the expiration month. Executive Officer Nielsen will look into this issue with the licensing program manager.

Board Member King asked, and Executive Officer Nielsen confirmed, first hour ratings for water heaters have been removed from the rules. Chairman Gardner asked Executive Officer Nielsen to present a synopsis of the sections that have been removed at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

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