

# Meeting Minutes: Plumbing Board

Date: October 20, 2020  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Minutes by: Lyndy Logan  
Location: WebEx Event

## Members

1. Richard Becker (Secretary)
2. Michael Dryke
3. Kent Erickson
4. Mike Herman (Vice Chair)
5. Rick Jacobs (Chair)
6. Natasha Lawrence
7. Justin Parizek
8. Troy Seitz
9. Scott Stewart
10. Cathy Tran (DLI Commissioner's Designee)
11. Rick Wahlen
12. David Weum (MDH Commissioner's Designee)

## DLI Staff & Visitors

- Suzanne Todnem (Gen. Counsel, DLI)  
Lyndy Logan (DLI)  
Brad Jensen (DLI)  
Nick Erickson (Housing First)  
Adam Hanson (ABC)  
Joel Hipp (Hobart)  
Steven Nuebel (City of Plymouth)  
Gary Schick (City of Rochester)  
David Skallet (City of St. Louis Park)  
Brian Soderholm (Water Control Corp)  
Scott Thompson (My Plumbing Training)  
Gary Thaden (MMCA)

## Members Absent

None

### **1. Call to Order, Chair Presiding**

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jacobs at 9:33 AM. Roll call was taken by the Secretary and a quorum was declared with 10 of 11 voting members, and one non-voting member, present via WebEx. (Natasha Lawrence joined the meeting at 10:03 AM – noted below).
- B. The Chair made the following statement: Today's meeting is being held electronically via the WebEx format due to the current status of the State of Minnesota operating under the peacetime emergency due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Per Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021, electronic meetings are acceptable when holding an in-person meeting is "not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12." All votes will be taken by roll call.

### **2. Approval of meeting agenda**

A motion was made by Herman, seconded by Becker, to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 10 votes in favor; the motion carried.

### **3. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Herman, seconded by Wahlen, to approve the July 21, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 10 votes in favor; the motion carried.

### **4. Regular Business**

Approval of expense reports – Jacobs approved.

## 5. Committee Reports

### A. Department Updates

Tran said DLI staff are working remotely and the best way to contact staff is by email. Paper plan review applications are still accepted.

### B. Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC)

The CCAC has not met – no discussion. Tentative meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10, 2020.

## 6. Special Business

### A. Status update on proposed amendments to chapter 4714, proposed adoption of 2018 UPC with amendments

Todnem said the Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Proposed Rules will be published on Oct. 26, 2020; public comment and requests for a hearing are due by Nov. 25, 2020 – if there is a hearing the tentative date is Dec. 18, 2020. The latest rule draft, dated July 23, 2020, reflects the Board's July meeting corrections/recommendations that were voted on and can be found on the rulemaking docket, along with the SONAR, at: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/rulemaking-docket-minn-r-chpt-4714-2018-upc>

### B. Secondary Treatment Systems and MDH Requirements – David Weum

Weum gave a quick summary of MDH's Requirements for Facilities and Buildings with Drinking Water Secondary Treatment, Drinking Water Protection Guidance, dated January 2020, found on the Department of Health's website at:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/com/dwsecondary.pdf>

Natasha Lawrence joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. resulting in 11 of 11 voting members.

## 7. Complaints

Nothing to report.

## 8. Open Forum

Joel Hipp, Hobart Corporation, addressed the Board and asked if the 2021 UPC, since it has been published, has any impact on the process of the adoption of the Minnesota Plumbing Code, 2018 UPC, and Todnem replied that this does not impact the Board's current rulemaking.

## 9. Correspondence

Nothing to report

## 10. Board Discussion

No discussion

## 11. Announcements

Next regularly scheduled meeting in 2021, 9:30 a.m., in-person or via WebEx TBD

- January 19, 2021

## 12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Wahlen, seconded by Herman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Becker*

Richard Becker, Board Secretary