

Meeting Minutes
STATE PLUMBING COMMISSION
217 W Missouri Ave, Pierre SD
Microsoft Teams

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, 9:00 a.m. CDT/8:00 a.m. MDT

Chairman Werner called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Chairman Werner called Roll

Members Present Electronically: James Bailey, Duane Levanen, Alex Payton, William Werner

Members Absent: Larry Kindle

Others Present electronically: Inspector Roy Boone, Kristie Brunick, PHCC, Justin Blain, Sioux Falls City Inspector and Jerry McCabe, Legal

Others Present in person: Inspector Daryl Aston, Electrical Commission Executive Director Pam Scouten

Payton moved to approve the July 28, 2022, minutes. Bailey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

Public comments: Kristie Brunick with PHCC updated us on the annual conference March 1-3, 2023 will be in Sioux Falls. Work is being done on the 2023 Continuing Education curriculum. Continuing Education classes will drop from 18 classes to 16 classes with one class in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City being eliminated. The number of attendees has declined over the years. They will be having a Med-gas class in Sioux Falls.

Treasury Reports for July, August and September were presented to the commission and acknowledged.

Applications Received Report for July, August and September was presented to the commission and acknowledged. McCabe informed the commission that the Applications Received Report will look different in future reports.

Inspection Reports for July, August and September were presented to the commission members. Bailey made a motion to approve the inspection reports. Levanen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Ripley reported on the start of the 2023 renewal season. The public online payment system has been taken down due to some major issues that are being addressed. The office can still process those payments for anyone that calls in.

New Business: The commission reviewed and discussed the letter sent by Chad Nilson regarding a variance grant for bathroom fixtures in addition to a high school not having to put in the required fixtures according to Table 422.1 in the 2015 SD Uniform Plumbing Code. Upon discussion, the commission has stated the Plumbing Commission does not have the authority to grant variances and it is required for all entities to comply with our adopted code. We do not have the authority to change the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. If this change is to come about, it would have to be petitioned to the State Legislature.

Justin Blain, Sioux Falls City Inspector asked a question on Expansion tanks with the instant water heaters. Upon discussion and clarification of the code in 608.3 both in the 2015 UPC and more clarification in the 2015 Illustrated Training Manual, it is stated that they are required.

Blain asked if we are adopting the 2021 UPC Code this year. Currently, there is no plan to petition Legislature with the upgrade in 2023.

Payton moved to hold the next quarterly meeting on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, in person. Bailey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Levanen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 am CST. Bailey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Nina Ripley, Executive Director

William Werner, Chairman