



**Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board
Draft MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2012**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 5th Floor, Conference Room 500.

Vice Chair Stephen Cox called the Board Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Stephen Cox, Michael Nail, Paul Hovey, and William Harris,

Board Members not in Attendance: Jerry Garza, Thomas Combs, and Nick Dawson.

Staff Members in Attendance: Dan McNabb, Joe Parker, Chap Thornton, Julie Kirby, Leon Barba, Barry Boehl, Michael Husted, John Umphress, Daryl Slusher, Robert Stefani, Adam Smith, and Tina Bui.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Robert Hagaman supported developing rainwater collection systems in the draft ordinance.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from the meeting of October 17, 2012 was postponed.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)** - Chap Thornton discussed final Board changes to the Plumbing Code draft ordinance. The Board recommended additional changes:
 - Section 1601.2 Confirm this is for non-potable use.
 - Section 103.1.3 Under Exception #11 to Homestead Permits: strike the last sentence so it coincides with 1601.
 - b. **2012 Intl Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**
 - Commercial** - John Umphress (AE) discussed the changes for commercial construction.
 - The Energy Code will apply to all commercial structures five stories above grade.
 - C403.2.4.6 - Board Member Harris would like to strike the proposed language and use the previous simplified language.
 - Board Member Harris stated that the requirement of economizers to cool buildings will be a huge cost impact on large structures.
 - Residential** - Michael Husted (AE) discussed the changes for residential construction of structures up to four stories.
 - R403.2.2 - Board Member Harris objected to deleting the exception, so staff will add back exception.
 - R403.4.1 - After discussion, staff will change the R-4 requirement to R-3.
 - c. **2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)**
 - The UMC ordinance was postponed.
5. **ADJOURN**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephen Cox and was seconded by Michael Nail. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.