



**Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board
APPROVED MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2016**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the LRC Airport Facility, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, TX.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Robert Thornton , Stephen Cox, Joseph Cooper , Joseph Bowie, David Dixon, Jerry Garza, William Harris, and Michael Lumbley.

Staff Members in Attendance: Jose Roig, Julie Kirby, Rick Holloway, and Trebor Brown.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – none.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the July 26, 2016 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Cooper second by Bowie for an 8-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. The annual Board Schedule for 2017 was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Garza second by Cooper for an 8-0 vote.
4. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. **Local amendments for the adoption of the 2015 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).**

Staff gave an overview of the local amendments to the UMC for commercial construction, and the Board discussed the local amendments. Board Member Harris pointed out a new requirement in Section 310.10 related to the Standards for AC Condensate Recovery Systems for new development. Staff proposed the effective date for the 2015 UMC will be April 1, 2017, once Council approves the adoption. Board Member Cooper made a motion to make a Recommendation to Council for the adoption of the 2015 UMC with local amendments, second by Harris for an 8-0 vote.
5. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. **Local amendments for the adoption of the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC).**

Staff gave an overview of the local amendments to the UPC for commercial and residential construction, and the Board discussed the local amendments. Staff proposed the effective date for the 2015 UPC will be April 1, 2017, once Council approves the adoption. Board Member Cooper made a motion to make a Recommendation to Council for the adoption of the 2015 UPC with local amendments with the following changes:

 - Section 501.2 deleted and replaced with Section 501.3, and renamed as 501.2 Service Water Heating Systems.
 - Section 508.4.5 Renamed as R-3 One and Two Family Dwellings and Townhouses Type Occupancies.
 - Section 613.0 –Staff will confirm that the language aligns with state law.

The motion was second by Lumbley for an 8-0 vote.
6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
5. **ADJOURN** – Chair Thornton made a motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.