



Mechanical and Plumbing Board APPROVED MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2018**

The Mechanical and Plumbing Board convened on Tuesday September 25, 2018 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, TX.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Robert Thornton, Joseph Bowie, Joseph Cooper, Basheer Mohamed, Michael Hart, Joseph Hernandez and William Harris. **Absent members** were Jerry Garza, David Dixon, Stephen Cox and David Nichols

Staff Members in Attendance: Rick Arzola, Richard Anderson, Rick Holloway Jonathan Orenstein (AWU)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Bill Weatherly- New Enforcement Director for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation over Regulatory Program Management. Mr. Weatherly provides to the Board and DSD staff that a maintenance employee is a regular employee that the owner, lessee or management company of the property for where the work is being performed and that it is no public contractor.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 28, 2018 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Bowie second by Harris for a 7-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Water Meters with Austin Water-** Jonathan Orenstein answered additional questions from the board regarding water meters being held “hostage” at the time of inspections. Orenstein is requesting an internal inspection staff meeting with AWU and DSD to discuss the water meter release process. Biggest problem is pertaining to residential projects where either an acceptance letter has acknowledge and or where large condo projects are being partially approved and the other half are not. AWU is not getting all information from field inspectors and contractors are being held up from attaining meters. AWU is requesting a “re-education” on this process.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Water Meters – Follow up internal staff meeting
 - b. Adopting new schedule for 2019 Mechanical/Plumbing board.
5. **ADJOURN** – Board member Bowie made a motion to adjourn and Board member Cooper second the motion. 8-0.