



**Mechanical and Plumbing Board
APPROVED MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2020**

The Mechanical and Plumbing Board convened on Tuesday in a Regular Called Meeting on December 15, 2020. Meeting was viewed thru Web Ex in a teleconference.

Board Chairman Cox, called the Meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Stephen Cox, William Harris, Joseph Cooper, Joseph Bowie, Robert Thornton, Bianca Tafares, Basheer Mohamed and Bobbi Jo Foster.

Absent members: David Dixon, David Nichols and Joseph Hernandez

Staff Members in Attendance: Rick Arzola(DSD), Charles Ablanado(DSD), Chad Watson(DSD), Tony Hernandez (DSD) Kelly Stilwell(DSD), Todd Wilcox(DSD) Robert Stefani (AWU) and Adam Smith(DSD)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting was approved as written. Vice Chair Board Member Thornton made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Board member Cooper, seconded, and the motion passed 8-0.
2. **DISCUSSION:**
 - A. **UPDATE ON UPC** – Development Service Department Plumbing Supervisor Chad Watson updated the board that the UPC code changes just finished wrapping up Phase 1 on the 2015 amendments and will be starting shortly Phase 2, which will inclusively go over the 2021 UPC Codes. After completion, it will go to stakeholders then to the board for approval before going to council to adopt the 2021 UPC
 - B. **UPDATE ON UMC-** Development Service Department Mechanical Supervisor Charlie Ablanado updated the board that they are also are wrapping up on Phase 1 and will be meeting to get Phase 2 completed in the same timeline as the UPC.
3. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**
 - A. **BUILDING CRITERIA MANUAL- Air Test with PVC-** Division Manager of Inspections Kelly Stilwell presented to the board a discussion on how Development Service Inspectors test PVC drain, waste and vent systems. This discussion presented proposed changes for removing all air and vacuum testing with some exceptions. The reasons is potential life safety and property damage that is affiliated with air test. After some discussion from board, the board is recommending that DSD staff to come back in January and offer some minor changes with public comment before a vote.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 1. Update on Uniform Plumbing Code
 2. Update on Uniform Mechanical Code.
 3. Discussion and Action-Building Criteria Manual- Air Test with PVC
5. **ADJOURN** – Chairman Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Thornton second the motion. Motion pass 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.