

**MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND SWIMMING POOL
BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES**

May 13, 2008

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony McColum, Chairman
Rick Kelley
James Wheeler
Jay Wyatt
Pat Watkins
Ronnie Carlson

STAFF PRESENT: David Sartor
Kyle Thomas
Glen Bailey
Anna Montoya

GUESTS: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Jay Wyatt, Vice Chairman. Anthony McColum was not yet in attendance, so the Vice Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. The next item to come before the Board was the approval of the November 13, 2007 Minutes. A motion was made by James Wheeler, and seconded by Ronnie Carlson to approve the minutes as written. Said motion unanimously passed.
3. At this time Anthony McColum arrived, and took charge of the meeting. The next item on the agenda was discussion, with possible action, regarding a request for a code change for Section P2803.6.1 of the City of Abilene Residential Plumbing Code and Section 504.61 of the City of Abilene Plumbing Code, regarding water heater pressure and temperature relief valve discharge piping. David Sartor, Building Official, addressed the board and stated he had just spoken to the proponent of the code change and due to an unforeseen issue which required the proponent to be out of town today, the proponent asked Mr. Sartor to relay his request to table this item until the June meeting. After discussion James Wheeler made a motion to table the proposed code change until the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Jay Wyatt and unanimously passed.
4. The next item on the agenda was discussion, with possible action, regarding a request by the Building Official for an approved alternate method regarding water heater pressure and temperature relief valve discharge piping. David Sartor stated this item was proposed as an alternate to the previously tabled item and asked that this item also be tabled until the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Watkins, and unanimously passed.

5. The next item to come before the board was discussion to establish an ad-hoc committee to review the 2008 National Electrical Code, and propose possible amendments to this Code. Mr. Sartor stated that traditionally the Board recommends the establishment of an ad-hoc committee whose task is to review the new code, make any amendments it deems necessary, and then present its recommendations to this Board, and then this Board reviews these amendments and if they approve the amendments, they forward their recommendations to the City Council for adoption. After discussion, Jay Wyatt made a motion to establish an ad-hoc committee. The motion was seconded by Pat Watkins and was approved by the board vote.
6. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Anthony McColum, Chairman

Anna Montoya, Acting Secretary