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**MECHANICAL COMPETENCY BOARD
MINUTES
March 30, 2016**

A meeting of the Mechanical Competency Board was held March 30, 2016, 10:00 a.m., at the Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway N., first floor Commissioner's Chambers, Shalimar, Florida. Board members in attendance were Roger Casey, David Gaillard, James Walker, Jr., Lee Bowen and Michael C. Johnson. Consumer representatives in attendance were Todd McGirr, Lee Jackson and Bill Byerley

Growth Management Staff in attendance were Renee Lucas, Licensing Specialist and Teresa Mullins, Administrative Assistant II.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roger Casey called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call

Teresa Mullins conducted roll call.

II. ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS

Renée Lucas introduced the Board to 3 new Board members: James F. Walker, Jr., Class 'B' Air Conditioning Contractor; Lee Bowen, Class 'B' Air Conditioning Contractor; and Michael C. Johnson, Class 'B' Air Conditioning Contractor. Chairman Casey welcomed the new Board members and acknowledged the guests.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF: November 18, 2015

Chairman Casey approved the minutes as written.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Swearing in Applicants

Ms. Mullins swore in the applicants.

b. Candidate for Testing Approval:

1. Jake Wade – Master Mechanical Contractor

Mr. Jake Ward was present to answer questions from the Board.

David Galliard noted that Mr. Wade's file indicated a great deal of outstanding debt and asked Mr. Ward if the outstanding debt was business related.

Mr. Ward stated that some of the debt was related to moving costs; and further that his business was just moving out of a slow period at that time. Mr. Wade further stated that he intends to work primarily in the San Destin area dealing with primarily commercial projects like HVAC and piping systems for restaurants, towers and medical centers. Mr. Wade stated that he restructured his business to reduce his personal financial risk.

Chairman Casey noted that Mr. Wade is asking to test for a Master Mechanical Contractor's license; however his Arkansas license is a class "B" license. Chairman Casey asked Mr. Wade if he had any experience with oxygen and other medical gas lines as working with those is outside the scope of a class "B" license in Florida.

Mr. Wade stated that he did his apprenticeship in hospitals installing oxygen and medical gas lines etc. Mr. Wade further stated that in Arkansas, a contractor has to recertify annually or the certification lapses. Mr. Wade stated that he has done work with manifolds, vacuum lines, vent, medical gas & oxygen work in the past, but not recently and noted that he has 30 years of experience.

Chairman Casey reminded the Board members that the Board can authorize an applicant requesting to test for a Master Mechanical license to test for a class "A", class "B" or even a Master Mechanical license if the Board deems it appropriate. Chairman Casey further stated that the actual licensure of the applicant will be up to the State.

A brief discussion ensued.

Motion to approve him to take the Master Mechanical test made by David Galliard; Second by Todd McGirr; approved unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Chairman/Vice-Chairman Election

Nomination of Roger Casey to serve as Chairman made by David Galliard; nomination seconded by James Walker. Mr. Casey accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

Nomination of Todd McGirr to serve as Vice-Chairman made by David Galliard; nomination seconded by Lee Bowen. Mr. McGirr accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Lee Bowen; seconded by Bill Byerley; approved unanimously.

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