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**PLUMBING COMPETENCY BOARD  
MINUTES  
July 27, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Plumbing Competency Board was held July 27, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at the Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway N., first floor BCC Chambers, Shalimar, Florida. Board members in attendance were Julian Johnson, David Cummins, Jerry Paul Cadenhead and Thomas Paccone. Consumer Representatives in attendance were Bill Byerley, Don Bafundo and Chuck Larouche. Mark Parrett arrived during the meeting in progress. Also in attendance was Assistant County Attorney Kerry Parsons.

Okaloosa County Department of Growth Management Staff members in attendance were Renée Lucas, Licensing Specialist; and Teresa Mullins, Administrative Asst. II.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Julian Johnson called the meeting to order.

**A. Roll Call.**

Ms. Teresa Mullins conducted roll call.

**II. ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS:**

Chairman Johnson welcomed the guest.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF**

**a. May 25, 2016:**

Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Jerry Paul Cadenhead; seconded by Bill Byerley; approved unanimously.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Swearing In Applicants/Speakers**

Ms. Mullins swore in the applicant.

**b. Candidate for Testing Approval:**

**1. Charles Scott Orr – Master Plumbing with Gas**

Renée Lucas informed the Board that Mr. Charles Scott Orr appeared before them on July 29, 2015 seeking approval to test for Master Plumbing with Gas Contractor's license. Ms. Lucas restated the motion made at that meeting:

*Motion to allow Mr. Orr to test made by Jerry Paul Cadenhead; second by Bill Byerley; approved unanimously.*

Ms. Lucas reminded the Board that, per Okaloosa County Ordinance 07-32, Section 3-3, Mr. Orr was given one (1) year in which to take and pass both his trade and business & law exams. Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Orr's approval to take and pass those exams expires on July 29, 2016. Ms. Lucas further stated that, since Mr. Orr received approval from the Board, he took and passed the Master Plumbing with Gas examination on April 23, 2016. Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Orr registered to take his Business & Law exam on Friday, May 27, 2016 for a scheduled examination date of June 18, 2016.

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Ms. Lucas stated that, per the schedule provided to staff by Prometric, the deadline to register for the June 18<sup>th</sup> exam was Monday, May 30, 2015, which was the Memorial Day holiday. Ms. Lucas informed the Board that when Mr. Orr did not received his notification of testing date from Prometric, he contacted the testing agency and was told that he missed the deadline and that his registration request was not processed until June 8, 2016; therefore, they had moved his exam date to August 20, 2016. Ms. Lucas stated that staff contacted the program manager for Prometric concerning this issue and were informed that the fact that the deadline was on a holiday was an oversight on their part; however, they were unable, due to the late date, to provide Mr. Orr with a seat at the June 18 exam. Ms. Lucas informed the Board that staff feels that Mr. Orr did his due diligence to register for the exam prior to the deadline as required, and due to circumstances beyond his control, is now forced to take the exam after the deadline set forth by County Ordinance. Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Orr is aware, should he be allowed to take this test and fail it, that he will be required to appear before this Board as a new applicant prior to being allowed to register for another exam. Ms. Lucas further stated that Mr. Orr is present to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Bill Byerley asked Mr. Orr why he waited until the last minute to schedule the test.

Mr. Orr stated that he scheduled to take the test several days before the deadline. Mr. Orr further stated that he had taken the test before. Mr. Orr stated that the first time he tested, he took both tests and failed both. Mr. Orr stated that he then scheduled to take just the plumbing test and failed that a second time. Mr. Orr further stated that he passed the Plumbing Contractor's test on his third attempt, and that this last test was his second attempt to pass the Building & Law exam. Mr. Orr stated that he took the exams at every opportunity and it took most all of the year to do.

A brief discussion ensued.

Motion to allow him to take the exam made by Jerry Paul Cadenhead; Second by David Cummins; approved unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Lucas informed the Board that there was a change in State Law in 2016, and counties can no longer charge State Certified contractors to register with counties or municipalities. Ms. Lucas noted that Okaloosa County has not charged a registration fee for State Certified contractors, but this law could affect other counties and municipalities.

Ms. Lucas reminded the Board about the email program which notifies contractors of permit deadlines as well as inspection results and asked the contractors on the Board if they were finding the program helpful.

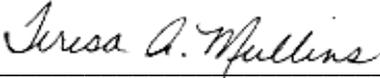
All of the contractors on the Board indicated that they appreciated the email program.

Ms. Lucas again reminded the Board that all requests to add or change email addresses, phone numbers or physical addresses must be provided to staff either in writing or by email and will be retained in the contractor's file.

A brief discussion ensued.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Parrett; second by Don Bafundo; approved unanimously.

Prepared by:   
Teresa Mullins, Recording Secretary  
7.28.2016