

**IDAHO HEATING, VENTILATION AND
AIR CONDITIONING BOARD MEETING**

February 10, 2022 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

**Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2022 IDAHO HVC BOARD MEETING

NOTE: The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting; however, is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Ted Sermon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Board Members:

Ted Sermon, Chairman
Bill Carter, Vice-Chairman
Randy Hart
Judy Van Cleave
Garret Christoffersen (absent)
Mike LaPray

DBS Staff Members:

MiChell Bird, Bureau Chief
John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Michael Hyde, Operations Manager
Josh Nyman, Building Safety Inspector/Advisor
Mike Paschall, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Molly Hamilton, Licensing Supervisor
Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor
Linda Pratzner, Board Support

Zero-Based Regulations (ZBR)

IDAPA 24.39.70.002 Adoption and Incorporation by Reference of the International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) and International Residential Code (IRC) Parts V and VI – In previous meetings there were discussions with Robert Glass, Goodman Manufacturing Company regarding adding UL60335-2-40 into the mechanical code along with UL1995. UL60335-2-40 addresses the upcoming A2L refrigerant transition. Chairman Ted Sermon stated the industry has completed a lot of training for this transition. Board Member Randy Hart recently attended an air conditioning distributors’ conference and there was discussion about this transition scheduled for 2025. There are two refrigerants with one being more flammable. Chairman Sermon stated this transition will go a lot slower due to inventory and existing systems. Board Member Mike LaPray stated R32 is being used in Idaho and is an A2L refrigerant. Executive Officer Nielsen explained this is focused on the UL listing in the IRC not IMC. Chairman Sermon explained there may be an issue with manufacturing stop time due to refrigerant transition and would like to wait until there is a final product.

Executive Officer Nielsen asked the board regarding N1504.2 duct links. Board Member Hart stated this goes back to the manufacturer installation instructions. Executive Officer Nielsen explained there are three sections under 1504 and would only delete duct length and chart as this is in the manufacturer installation instructions. Chairman Sermon recommends adding the use of the manufacturer installation instructions. Executive Officer Nielsen asked the board should manual S, J, and D be mandatory for new construction and can the word “will” be changed to “may”. The

board members agreed to slow play UL60335 and will investigate the duct chart plus replacing the word “will” with “may”.

IDAPA 24.39.70.004 Definitions

Executive Officer Nielsen proposed going to recognized license. The Board agreed with this change.

IDAPA 24.39.70.005.013 HVAC Hearth Specialty Journeyman Certificate of Competency Limitations: Requirements

Executive Officer Nielsen proposes to combine IDAPA 24.39.70.005.013, 24.39.70.005.015 and 24.39.70.005.016 under specialty license titled “Appliance Specialty License.” Currently, there are only six active fuel gas registered or licensed individuals: four expired apprentices for the fuel gas piping and in oil heating, three active licenses. Therefore, there are two licenses and two exams for ten people in Idaho. Executive Officer Nielsen proposed changing the name from “hearth” to “appliance” and move this group under “Appliance Specialty License”. As well as change the scope of work to, “may install appliances, hearth appliances, associated fuel gas piping dedicated exclusively there to; does not include any plumbing, electrical or ducting.”

IDAPA 24.39.70.005.014 HVAC Apprentice and Specialty Apprentice Requirements for Registration

Executive Officer Nielsen recommended to remove “renewal of registration for apprentices” under 03. Renewal. The question is whether this is something the state should enforce or industry. With this change Executive Officer Nielsen will pitch going back to a five-year registration. IDAPA 24.39.70.005.013 section 01. would read “Registration and Renewal.” Executive Officer Nielsen said the rule states registration will be required annually without showing proof of continuing education. The Board needs to remove renewal requirements for apprenticeships, and at the next meeting discuss journeymen and contractors; leaving the requirements as is. Board Member Judy Van Cleave asked if the education for the three different licenses is covered. Executive Officer Nielsen stated the gas piping, and the hearth are similar, with the oil having more experience. Currently there are 97 hearth licenses. At the March meeting, the license requirements for journeymen and contractors can be scheduled as an agenda item. Executive Officer Nielsen will provide a redline and clean copy of the IDAPA Rule 24.39.70 to the board and will schedule meetings for industry for their opinion. Once finalized this will go to Legislature at the 2023 session.

IDAPA 24.39.70.005.015 HVAC Waste Oil Heating Specialty Journeyman Certificate of Competency Limitations: Requirements

This will be combined with IDAPA 24.39.70.005.013 and 24.39.70.005.016 under specialty license titled “Appliance Specialty License.”

IDAPA 24.39.70.005.016 HVAC Fuel Gas Piping Specialty Journeyman Certificates of Competency Limitations: Requirements

This will be combined with IDAPA 24.39.70.005.013 and 24.39.70.005.015 under specialty license titled “Appliance Specialty License.”

Adjournment

With no further comments, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Board Member Van Cleave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Carter seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. (MT).

TED SERMON, CHAIRMAN
HEATING, VENTILATION, AND
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JOHN NIELSEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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