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BOARD OF MECHANICAL RULES
Ottawa Building, Upper-Level Conference Room 3
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48933

MINUTES
February 18, 2026
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jason Finch, Chairperson
Michael Card, Vice Chairperson
Frank Wimmer, Secretary
Lorenzo Brown
Jason Zorn
Jerry Payne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ned Hawkins
Nicolas Sachjen
Terry Gilligan
Dennis Mowbray
Vacant – Water/Fire Tube Boiler Manufacturers
Vacant – Fire Suppression

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Andrew Brisbo, Bureau Director, Administration, BCC
Alesha Gensler, Director, State Operations, Licensing, & Enforcement Division, BCC
Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing Section, BCC
Shannon Maurer, Manager, Operations Section, BCC
Katie Wagner, Legislative Liaison, BCC
Adam Detwiler, Assistant Chief, Mechanical Section, BCC
Nathan Simon, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC
Megan McCool, Departmental Technician, Operations Section, BCC
Tracie Pack, Manager, Building Trades Section, BCC
Kami Trescone, Assistant Attorney General, DAG
Kim Breitmeyer, Assistant Attorney General, DAG

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Card and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 20, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Brown and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wimmer to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Finch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wimmer to approve the nomination of Board Member Card as Board of Mechanical Rules Vice Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Card and **SECONDED** by Board Member Brown to approve the nomination of Board Member Wimmer as Board of Mechanical Rules Secretary. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL

A. Jesse Blanton – Mechanical Contractor Examination

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Jesse Blanton’s appeal from the denial of his Application for Mechanical Contractor Examination and Licensure – license classifications 1-Hydronic, 2-HVAC, 5-Limited heat service, and 7-Limited refrigeration and air conditioning service, along with all supplemental materials.

Jesse Blanton appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Card and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes partially deny Jesse Blanton’s appeal due to applicant being unable to provide documentation meeting the requirements for license classification levels 1 and 2 but to grant approval for him to apply for the examination for license classification levels 5 and 7 due to applicant meeting applicable qualifications. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Dan Ragone – Mechanical Contractor Examination

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Dan Ragone’s appeal from the denial of his Application for Mechanical Contractor Examination and Licensure – license classifications 2-HVAC, 5-Limited heat service, and 7-Limited refrigeration and air conditioning service, along with all supplemental materials.

Dan Ragone appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Finch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne to recommend the Bureau of Construction Codes partially deny Dan Ragone's appeal for license classification levels 2 and 7 based on not having enough hours to qualify but to grant approval for him to apply for the examination for license classification level 5 due to applicant having the required hours. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Finch and **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Card to recess the meeting at 10:30 A.M. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Finch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne. to call the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. PETITION FOR APPROVAL/CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY

A. Les Escalateurs Atlas- BCCM-25-005

The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed Les Escalateurs Atlas Petition Application for Certificate of Acceptability for approval or denial.

Nobody appeared before the Board and presented on behalf of Les Escalateurs Atlas.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Finch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne to withdraw and remove this item from the agenda in order for the Bureau to gather more information regarding the product from Les Escalateurs Atlas to determine whether its petition concerns the acceptability of a product under the mechanical code. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. CONSTRUCTION CODE APPEAL

A. BCC-AP25000024; John Henderson, Emanuelson-Podas vs. City of Kalamazoo

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed the appeal and all supplemental materials submitted by John Henderson.

John Henderson and Sam Michael appeared before and presented to the Board on behalf Emanuelson-Podas for the Board's consideration of the appeal under MCL 125.1516(2).

Assistant Attorney General Kami Trescone provided the Board with the law relevant to the appeal.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Payne and **SECONDED** by Board Member Brown to affirm the decision of the Kalamazoo Building Board of Appeals to deny the appeal. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Jaqaune Royster – Mechanical Contractor Examination

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Jaqaune Royster’s appeal from the denial of his Application for Mechanical Contractor Examination and Licensure - license classification 2-HVAC, along with all supplemental materials.

Jaqaune Royster did appear before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Payne and **SECONDED** by Board Member Brown to table Jaqaune Royster’s appeal to allow him time to submit additional documentation in support of his current application. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

New Program – Licensing Continuity

Kelly Bean, Licensing Section Manager, provided the Board with information on a new program regarding licensing continuity.

10. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Alesha Gensler Reported on the following:

Request for Rulemaking (RFR) has been approved for the Elevator Rules. A draft of the rules is being finalized by bureau staff. The rules are anticipated to be available to receive code proposals in early 2026.

RFR has been approved for the Skilled Trades Act Rules. Code proposals were closed on February 4, 2026. All proposals are currently under review.

Bureau staff are in the process of completing the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the Plumbing and Mechanical rules, the RIS details what the impact of the rules would be on the Department and Michigan residents. A public hearing can be anticipated early 2026.

The Rehab, Commercial Energy and Building Rules have been drafted and opened. Bureau staff are reviewing all the code proposals received for each rule set.

Shannon Maurer updated the Board regarding the status of the boiler rules.

Residential and Residential Energy rules are still under litigation.

Bureau Re-organization: Creation of a new Mobile Home Section within the Bureau. This new section will focus on underperforming parks, particularly those that are unlicensed. Becky Jones has agreed to take the reins of this new section which will be housed in the Specialty Trades Division effective 1/5/2026. The Bureau will be backfilling Becky’s position.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Armstong presented a packet to the Board regarding Formal Challenges to Statutory Contradictions in Hydronic Licensing, which questioned the wording of definitions found in the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, MCL 339.5101 to 339.6133, and addressed the Board about the information within. Board and AAG Kim Breitmeyer indicated that only the Legislature has the authority to modify the wording of a statute, so he may wish to consult with his legislator.

AAG Breitmeyer formally introduced AAG Kami Trescone to the Board, indicating that she will take over the task of representing the Board from AAG Lindsay Schmidt.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE – MAY 20, 2026

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933, in the Upper-Level Conference Room 4 on May 20, 2026.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Card and **SECONDED** by Board Member Payne to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**