

**SKILLED TRADES REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
HEARING ROOM  
111 N. FRONT STREET  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

The Skilled Trades Review Board had a meeting at 111 N. Front Street at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018.**

**The following duly appointed members were present:**

Dennis Hartz  
Jay Hill  
Ralph Landers, Jr.  
Patty Spangler, Chairperson

Also present:

Jim Richardson, Board Secretary  
Allie Pickerill, City Attorney  
Levi Tkach, Attorney for Bath Fitter  
Rosemary Foster, Homeowner at 2877 Cleveland Ave

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by **Chairperson Patty Spangler**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting on a motion by **Mr. Hartz** and a second by **Mr. Landers.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Due Process Hearing regarding McAtee, LLC and Rosemary Foster**

The Board heard the complaint filed against McAtee LLC. Rosemary Foster alleges that Christopher Hanes and McAtee, violated Sections 4113.13 - Fees, Working without a permit, 4113.25 - Plans and specifications and 4113.61 - Plumbing Permit at the property located at 2877 Cleveland Avenue. Mr. Hanes and Ms. Foster were both present for the meeting.

**Rosemary Foster** filed a complaint against **McAtee, LLC** alleging that they were in violation of **City of Columbus Code Sections 4113.13 - Fees, Working without a permit, 4113.25 - Plans and specifications and 4113.61 - Plumbing Permit** at her property, located at 2877 Cleveland Avenue.

After discussion with the complainant, **Ms. Foster** and **Christopher Hanes, license holder for McAtee, LLC, Mr. Hill** made a motion that **McAtee** did do work without a getting a permit, **Mr. Landers** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Due to the fact that **McAtee** did the above work without a permit, they are in violation of **City of Columbus Code Section: 4113.13 – Working without a permit, Mr. Hill** made a motion that **McAtee, LLC** be found **Guilty.** **Mr. Hartz** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

After further discussion, **Mr. Landers** made a motion to table any action against their license to the next meeting, anticipating **McAtee** and **Ms. Foster** can make some type of progress towards a resolution of this problem. **Mr. Hartz** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Due Process Hearing regarding Bath Fitter and Jim Richardson

The next item on the agenda was a complaint filed by **Jim Richardson** alleging that **Bath Fitter** had not requested inspections for 797 permits from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. At minimum, **Bath Fitter** has 797 violations of City of Columbus Code Section 4115.01 – Inspections Required. Jason Haught was present for Bath Fitter

Although the work was completed and permits were pulled for the jobs, no inspections were called in. Jim has spoken to Bath Fitters and to their attorney, **Levi Tkach**, trying to come to a resolution. **Bath Fitter** brought a Remedial Action Plan with them in an attempt to show that they are not taking this issue lightly. They have taken many documented steps to be sure that these same mistakes do not reoccur. Jim stated that they are already working out a schedule to get the inspections completed. **Jason Haught**, license holder was present for the hearing, as was Erin Shirey and Andy Carmello.

Mr. Tkach had some questions for the representatives from Bath Fitter, as well as showing the steps that lead up to the problem and how it has already been remedied.

After discussion and questions by the STRB, **Mr. Landers** made a motion that Bath Fitter did not schedule inspections for the permits that were obtained at 797 locations within the City of Columbus. **Mr. Hill** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Due to the fact that they did not call for inspections on these 797 permits, Bath Fitter **Mr. Hill** made a motion that Bath Fitter is **Guilty** of violating City of Columbus Code Section 4115.01 – Inspections Required. **Dennis Hartz** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

After further discussion about the Board's satisfaction with the Remedial Action Plan presented and their progress already made with scheduling inspections, **Dennis Hartz** made a motion to table discussion of the penalty to the February 2019 meeting. **Mr. Hill** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Due Process Hearing regarding Midwest Fire Protection and Doug Matan

The next item for the Board was a complaint filed by **Doug Matan, Building Inspector**, alleging that **Midwest Fire Protection** had violated **Columbus Building Code Section 4113.75 – Fire Protection Systems** at 37 W. Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio. Doug was performing a framing inspection at the location on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and discovered that sprinkler piping was installed without a permit. This was a non-sprinklered building. A sprinkler system had been installed for the first time. **Jim Richardson** presented the City's information on behalf of Doug Matan. Present for **Midwest Fire Protection** was **Aron Schroeder, Operations Manager** and **Dave Smith, Field Manager**. After testimony and evidence presented and discussion and questions by the Board, **Mr. Hill** made a motion that Midwest Fire Protection did not get a permit for the sprinkler work performed at 37 West Broad Street. **Mr. Landers** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Due to the fact that Midwest Fire Protection did not get a permit for the Sprinkler work done at 37 West Broad Street, **Mr. Hartz** made a motion that they are **Guilty** of violating City of Columbus Code Section 4113.75 – Fire Protections Systems. **Mr. Landers** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

After discussion by the Board, **Mr. Hartz** made a motion to table the discussion of penalty to the next meeting to give Midwest Fire Protection an opportunity to submit their plan for policy changes that they will implement to avoid this problem in the future. **Mr. Hill** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Watkins** made a motion to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. **Mr. Hartz** seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

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Patty Spangler, Chairperson

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**Jim Richardson, Acting-Secretary**