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Minutes

Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters
Division of Occupational Licensure
Video Conference Call Meeting

November 20, 2024, 10:00 AM

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM, followed by roll call, the Chair asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

1. Roll Call

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| • Yolanda Cole, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Dennis Allen, Pipefitter Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Contractor Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Pauline Lally, User Member | <input type="checkbox"/> present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Nina Hollien, Public Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Brian Nicholson, Refrigeration Technician Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Mark Fortune, Sprinkler Fitter Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • VACANT, Air/Refrigeration Contractor -- Boston | present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |

Pursuant to St. 2021, c. 20, § 20, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures, all Bureau members and staff appeared by videoconference. Public access was provided via videoconference or telephone connection. The Chair informed all attendees that the Bureau meeting was being recorded via Microsoft Teams and that by remaining in the meeting they are consenting to being recorded. The Chair informed all attendees of the following meeting protocols to comply with the Open Meeting Laws:

- Meetings will be conducted by the Chair and speakers must be recognized to address the Bureau.
- Meeting is a public meeting, not a public hearing.
- Anyone not speaking is to be kept mute.
- All votes require a roll call by the Bureau members.
- All speakers must identify themselves by name.



Meeting minutes for October 16, 2024, minutes were approved by Dennis Allen made a **Motion** to approve the draft minutes for October 16, 2024, and Second by **Dan Dumont**. **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote. (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole) Justin Fishlin and Mark Fortune abstain because they were not present at the meeting.

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3. **Executive Director Report**, OPSI will be moving in March to 1 Federal St.

4. Discussion

- **Bureau Applications for Examination to review.**

Dennis Allen made a motion to table applicants who are not present for the first time, **SECOND** by **Dan Dumont**. **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote. (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, Justin Fishlin, Yolanda Cole)

October Applicants.

Phillip Neveu RT – Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam. Mr. Neveu was present for today's meeting. **MOTION was made by Brian Kelly to approve Mr. Neveu to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Brian Nicholson** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortune, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Yolanda Cole) Sharon Orr abstain, applicant is her brother.

Greg Muller PJ – Tabled for next bureau meeting.

Mr. Muller was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled for next meeting.

Greg Muller- RT -Tabled for next bureau meeting.

Mr. Muller was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled for next meeting

Daniel Foley RT – Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Foley was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Brian Nicholson to approve Mr. Foley** to sit for the **RT** exam, **SECOND** by **Sharon Orr** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Christopher Cotton – PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. **Cotton** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Dan Dumont** to **approve Mr. Cotton** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Justin Fishlin** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Adam Audet PUJ – PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.
Mr. **Audet** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Audet** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Mark Fortune** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Jackson Lovlien– PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. **Lovlien** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Lovlien** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Mark Fortune** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Shaun Ready – PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. **Ready** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Ready** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Dennis Allen** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

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Craig Sherman– PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. **Sherman** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Sherman** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Dan Dumont** **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

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Nathan Huff – PUJ Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. **Huff** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Huff** to sit for the **PUJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Dennis Allen Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Laura Pitassi – RT Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam.
Miss. **Pitassi** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Brian Kelly** to **approve Miss. Foley** to sit for the **RT** exam, **SECOND** by **Justin Fishlin Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Alex Raposa–SA-150573 Approved Sprinkler Apprentice

Mr. **Raposa** was present for today's meeting.

MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Raposa** to renew his **SA** license one more time, **SECOND** by **Nina Hollien Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Melvyn Taveras–RA-172302 Approved Refrigeration Apprentice

Mr. **Taveras** was present for today's meeting.

MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to **approve Mr. Taveras** to renew his **RA** license one more time, **SECOND** by **Dan Dumont Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Brian Carroll – PA-000118 Pipefitter Apprentice-. Denied absent 2nd time

Mr. **Carroll** was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 2nd time will be denied.

Andrew Bombardier– PA-297424 Pipefitter Apprentice -Tabled for December)

Mr. **Bombardier** was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled

Trevor Derochea– SA-151366 Sprinkler Apprentice- Tabled for December

Mr. Derochea). was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled.

Kevin Delaney – RA-172456 Refrigeration Apprentice- Tabled for December

Mr. Delaney). was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled.

Mykia Etheridge – SA-151332 Sprinkler Apprentice- Tabled for December

Mr. Etheridge). was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled.

Appeal of Denials

Richard Astacio – Pipefitter Unrestricted Master Denied.

Mr. Astacio) was present at today's meeting, his appeal was denied. **MOTION** was made **by Sharon Orr** to deny **Mr. Astacio** to sit for his **PM** exam, **SECOND** by **Brian Kelly** Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Tam Nguyen –Sprinkler Contractor Denied.

Mr. Nguyen) was present at today's meeting; his appeal was denied. **MOTION** was made **by Sharon Orr** to deny **Mr. Astacio** to sit for his **SC** exam, **SECOND** by **Mark Fortune** Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Jeremiah Hutson -Approved to sit for Sprinkler Journeyman exam
Mr. Hudson **was** present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made **by Mark Fortune** to **approve Mr. Hudson** to sit for the **SJ** exam, **SECOND** by **Justin Fishlin** Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Mark Fortine, Yolanda Cole)

Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety and inspection

No reports.

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Subcommittee Formation

Next meeting is scheduled for 01/22/2025 10am.

7. **Board Counsel Report**

The amendments to the regulations were published and became effective 11/08/2024.

8. **Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting**

Board members suggested that they have discussions about changes coming in the refrigeration industry in 2025.

9. **Adjourn**

A **MOTION** was made by **Brian Kelly** to adjourn the meeting, **SECOND Justin Fishlin**, motion **passed** by majority roll call vote roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Dan Dumont, Mark Fortune, Dennis Allen, Justin Fishlin, Yolanda Cole).

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11.03 AM

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday December 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM.