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Minutes

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

December 20, 2023, 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

• Martin Edwards, 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 Fitter Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Pauline Lally, User Member	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• VACANT, Public Member	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
• John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor 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 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 on being recorded. The Chair informed all attendees of the following meeting protocols in order to comply with the Open Meeting Laws:

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



2. **Minutes:** The draft minutes from the November 15, 2023, meeting were reviewed. **MOTION** to approve the minutes made by John Viola, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

3. **Discussion:**

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

Dan Dumont made motion to table applicants who are not present for the first time, seconded by Brian Kelly. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards).

Chang L. Joe RC – Denied 2nd absence.

Mr. Joe was not present for today's meeting. This is his 2nd absence, A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **deny** Mr. Joe to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Jordan Martinez RT - Denied 2nd absence.

Mr. Martinez was not present for today's meeting. This is his 2nd absence. A **MOTION** was made by Dan Dumont to **deny** Mr. Martinez to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Ryan O'Toole SJ - Denied 2nd absence.

Mr. O'Toole was not present for today's meeting. This is his 2nd absence. A **MOTION** was made by John Viola to **deny** Mr. Ruis to sit for the Sprinkle fitter Journeyman exam, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Wayne Alexander RT- Approved

Mr. Alexander was present for today's meeting. He states he worked in RI with 10 years of refrigeration tech experience as well as digital automation control. Was offered a position in MA so he is looking to get his license. Went to New England Tech and completed an associate degree in HVAC Technology and has all his apprentice hours. Brian Kelly questioned the amount of working hours provided from 2018 to present. Mr. Alexander stated he works for Connecticut Control. Dave Vandal confirmed that New England Tech is good for 4k hours therefore Mr. Alexander meets the requirements. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Alexander to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Jorge Sanchez-Lemos RC – Approved

Mr. Sanchez-Lemos was present at today's meeting. He states he went to school for HVAC in 2011 and graduated in 2013. Worked for a company called Sam Mechanical and did a lot of refrigeration. He is licensed and insured with his own business and trying to expand in MA. Does have his EPA gas license in NH. Brian Kelly explained that mass requires a Ref tech license for a year prior to applying for a ref contractor license. Brian Kelly also said that Mr. Sanchez-Lemos has a tremendous amount of schooling. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Sanchez-Lemos to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Shane Blakeley PJ – Approved

Mr. Blakeley was present at today's meeting. He says he has been a member of triple 7 union for 11 years in CT. Worked for American Configuration in CT and has held an S2 license for 6

years with 23k working hours and should meet class hours. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr, to **approve** Mr. Blakeley to sit for the Journeyman Pipefitter exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Chad Rotar PM - Denied

Mr. Rotar was present at today's meeting. Mr. Rotar says he works for a process piping company in Wisconsin that holds licenses in other states, and they are looking to expand in MA. Sharon Orr asked board members if they know any of the licenses that the company may hold. Sharon Orr also questioned working and training hours. Mr. Rotar only has field hours and no schooling due to his state requirements. A **MOTION** was made by Dan Dumont to **deny** Mr. Rotar to sit for the Pipefitter Master exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Pedro DaSilva JP- Approved

Mr. DaSilva was present at today's meeting. Mr. DaSilva lives in RI, graduated from NTTI. Was an apprentice for 2 years. Holds a Master Pipefitter license for the last 8 years. His company covers areas in MA and would like his license. Brian Kelly questioned certificate for 900 hours for school and if it's an approved school in MA. Dave Vandal confirmed it is an approved school. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. DaSilva to sit for the Journeyman Pipefitter exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Kenneth De Melo RT- Denied

Mr. De Melo was present at today's meeting. Been in the trade for 22 years, did not attend school and got a license in RI. Currently has been doing work in MA and wants to get license in MA. Dennis Allen question classroom or work hours documentation. Brian Kelly stated that MA requires 300 schooling hours and if Mr. De Melo can provide a transcript, some hours can be accepted. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **deny** Mr. De Melo to sit for the Refrigeration Technician, SECOND by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Richard Amaral RT- Approved

Mr. Amaral was present for today's meeting. Mr. Amaral says he attended NTTI from 2017 to 2018 and worked at Triangle Refrigeration for 9 months. Has RI RJ2 license. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Amaral to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Justin Gombert RT- Approved

Mr. Gombert was present for today's meeting. Went to school in PA completed an associate and a bachelor's degree in HVAC at Penn College of Technology. Over 840 hours of refrigeration, 416 hours electrical school, and a three-year apprenticeship prior to moving to MA. Brian Kelly questioned the work hours and would like confirmation. Dave Vandal confirmed his work hours. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Gombert to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by John Viola motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

b. Appeals of Denials of Applications for Examination.

Jeffrey Gadsby SA – Denied

Dave Vandal says Mr. Gadsby has 10 months from July 2016 to 2023 unlicensed, needs 8k

hours experience as licenses apprentice so vandal can't give him a favorable decision. John Viola says in keeping with passed decisions the Board can't move forward. A **MOTION** was made by John Viola to **deny** Mr. Gadsby, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

Tarneisha Reynolds SA- Approved

Ms. Reynolds was resent for today's meeting. She is a 5-year apprenticeship at Local 5 and has had personal issues where she had to take time off work. She has the school hours needed but not the work hours. A **MOTION** was made by John Viola to **approve** Ms. Reynolds renewal 1 more time for Sprinkler Fitter Apprentice. **SECOND** by Sharon Orr motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor)

Shane Adams RA- Denied

Mr. Adams was not present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Dennis Allen to **deny** Mr. Adams' appeal of the Bureau's previous decision. **SECOND** by Mark Fortune motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor)

c. Review of Bureau Apprentice License Renewals

Sharon Orr made a **MOTION** to table applicants who are not present for the first time, seconded by Dan Dumont. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards).

Daniel Lagasse SA- Approved

Mr. Lagasse was present for today's meeting. Was tabled at the last meeting, expired on 7/25/2023, 2 renewals. Mr. Lagasse says he was out of work due to personal issues and would like to get back on track. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to approve Mr. Lagasse 3rd renewal request. **SECOND** by John Viola motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor)

Robert Martel SA- Denied

Mr. Martel was not present for today's meeting. This is his 2nd absence. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **deny** Mr. Martel a renewal request. **SECOND** by Mark Fortune motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor)

Brian Nowark SA-Tabled 1st time absent

Mr. Nowark was not present for today's meeting. According to the previous vote the board will table applicants who are absent for the 1st time.

Matthew Cabral SA- Tabled 1st time absent

Mr. Cabral was not present for today's meeting. According to the previous vote the board will table applicants who are absent for the 1st time.

Roger Blood Jr. SA - Approved in October

Mr. Blood was approved in October, no motion made.

Jonah Hadley RA - tabled 1st time absent

Mr. Hadley was not present for today's meeting. According to the previous vote the board will table applicants who are absent for the 1st time.

Tristin Mooris PA- Mr. Mooris was present for today's meeting. Mr. Morris says he was involved in a car accident and was unable to work for an extended amount of time. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **approve** Mr. Mooris a renewal request. **SECOND** by Dan Dumont, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor)

d. Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety Inspections

Daniel Kilburn presented the OPSI jurisdiction report to the Bureau members. Mr. Kilburn reviewed Bureau License Compliance and Enforcement actions resulting in \$6,250 in fines.

4) Executive Director Report

Mr. Edwards reported there were no matters to report other than items on the Agenda.

5) Board Counsel Report

Ms. Read reported that the Bureau's draft amendments to its regulations were approved to be presented for a Public Hearing, which will be held on January 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in person at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA, Room 1D, and available remotely, and public comment may be submitted in writing until 5:00 p.m. January 23, 2024. See the [Notice of Hearing and Public Comment posted on the Bureau's website](#).

6) Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting - None.

7) Adjournment

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Martin Edwards in favor).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting.

Agenda of Meeting December 20, 2023

Draft Minutes of Meeting November 15, 2023

Applications of:

Wayne Alexander RT-

Jorge Sanchez-Lemos RC

Shane Blakeley PJ

Chad Rotar PM

Pedro DaSilva JP

Kenneth De Melo

Richard Amaral RT

Justin Gombert RT

Jeffrey Gadsby SA

Tarneisha Reynolds SA

Daniel Lagasse SA

Tristin Mooris PA

**The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**