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Minutes

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

February 21, 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

• Yolanda Cole, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• Dennis Allen, Pipefitter Member	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• Pauline Lally, User Member	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Fitter 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
• John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
• VACANT, Public Member	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• VACANT, Refrigeration Technician	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
• VACANT, Air/Refrigeration Contractor – Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" 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: No meeting in January.

3. Discussion:

a. Bureau Applications for Examination to review.

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

Yaroslav Yaremchuk RC – Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Yaremchuk was present for today's meeting. Owner of a HVAC company in PA since 2015 and been working since 2008. He is expanding into MA and would like to be licensed in MA. Sharon Orr suggested Mr. Yaremchuk must sit for RT exam before RC exam per MA regulations. **MOTION** by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Yaremchuk to sit for the RT exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Wyatt Gordon PJ - Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Gordon was present for today's meeting. He is an out of state applicant from Michigan who completed a 5-year apprenticeship there. Has 17,000 working hours as a pipefitter and 1,898 hours working under a master pipefitter in MA. Has 8,000 plus on the job working hours. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. Gordon to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Everett Steaner RT - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Steaner was present for today's meeting. Works for Eastern Refrigeration for 5 years and does work in MA and RI. He holds a RJ1 and CT D2, has over 9,000 in the field work hours and wants to be licensed in MA. A **MOTION** by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Steaner to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Syed Q. Ali RC- Tabled absent 1st time.

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

Christopher Pise RT – Tabled absent 1st time.

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

David Weatherall RT – Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Weatherall was present at today's meeting. He has been in the trade since 98' and did a 5-year 9,000 hour apprenticeship along with a red seal license. Started his own HVAC company and wants to relocate to MA. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr, to **Approve** Mr. Weatherall to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Karl Sampson RC - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Sampson was present at today's meeting. Mr. Sampson says he has over 23 years of experience in HVAC and has clients in MA and wants to be licensed in MA to expand. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Sampson to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Jaydan Hilke RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Hilke was present for today's meeting. He says he works in HVAC in NH with 5 plus years

of experience. Looking to move into MA and wants to be licensed. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Hilke to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

B. Appeals of Denials of Applications for Examination.

Chang L. Joe RC Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Joe was present for today's meeting. Worked as a journeyman for over 5 years in HVAC for rooftop units, etc. in CA. Wants to be licensed in MA. Dave Vandal confirmed his experience and education to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to Approve Mr. Joe to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

Brian Kelly left the meeting at or around 10:46 a.m.

A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Adjourn the meeting due to loss of quorum, SECOND by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole)

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting:

- a. Yaroslav Yaremchuk – Application for Refrigeration Technician
- b. Wyatt Gordon – Application for Pipefitter Journeyman
- c. Everett Steaner – Application for Refrigeration Technician
- d. David Weatherall – Application for Refrigeration Technician
- e. Karl Sampson – Application for Refrigeration Technician
- f. Jaydan Hilke – Application for Refrigeration Technician
- g. Chang L. Joe – Application for Refrigeration Technician

