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Minutes

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

March 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

• 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	x 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 of February 21, 2024, Public Meeting.** A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** the Minutes of February 21, 2024 as written, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune. The Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

3. **Discussion:**

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

MOTION BY Sharon Orr to table applicants who are not present for today's meeting, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly, is approved by Bureau Roll call. (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Aaron Luz RT– Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Luz was present for today's meeting. He attended NTTI for HVAC and finished in November. Aaron Luz is working at Environmental Systems and has his Rhode Island Refrigeration Journeyman II for about 2 years. Brian Kelly asks the applicant and Mr. Vandal if the only reason why Mr. Luz is before the bureau is because NTTI is not an approved school. Mr. Vandal stated he is in front of the bureau because he is an out of state applicant. Brian Kelly stated that Aaron Luz has completed the necessary work and schooling hours required by the state of Massachusetts and holds a license in Rhode Island. **MOTION** by Brian Kelly to **approve** Mr. Luz to sit for the RT exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr. The Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Syed Q. Ali RC - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam

Mr. Ali was present for today's meeting. He has been working in Air Conditioning for 40 years in Saudi Arabia. He has an AC certification in Massachusetts and would like to start a business in air conditioning in the state of Massachusetts. Sharon Orr wants to know if there is a way to confirm his education and competencies being that he has never worked in the United States. Per Vandal he has an associate degree, high school diploma, and work experience from Saudi Arabia. Denied for refrigeration contractor. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. Syed to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr. The Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Christopher Pise RC - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Pise is an out of state applicant from Rhode Island with 13 years of experience holding his Masters refrigeration and pipefitter in Rhode Island. Would like to expand and get his license in Massachusetts. **MOTION** by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. Pise to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin. The Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jing Feng Ni Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Feng Ni was present at today's meeting & has a Rhode Island Master II from Rhode Island. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. Feng Ni to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Dan Dumont; Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Joseph Andrade PJ - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Andrade was present at today's meeting. Mr. Andrade says he has 22 years of experience. Has held a Pipefitter 1 Master since 2019 in Rhode Island and holds a Pipefitter 2 in Rhode Island. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Andrade to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a unanimous

roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Thomas Diack RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Diack was present for today's meeting. Mr. Diack is an out of state applicant from Connecticut. He has 21 years of experience. Thomas Diack holds a D1 for 16 years. He wants to get his Massachusetts refrigeration technician license. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Diack to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Christopher Randall RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Randall was present for today's meeting. Mr. Randall is an out of state applicant and has 17 years experience of NET. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. Randall to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Sean Conway RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Conway is an out of state applicant. He has a RJ2 license and has 4000 hours of work and education experience in the state of Rhode Island. A **MOTION** was made by Chris Boudich to Approve Mr. Conway to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Brian Guierrez-Ayala RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Guierrez-Ayala is an out of state applicant. He has 18 years of experience, with 1350 hours of experience. He has an apprentice license and his DSA card. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. Guierrez-Ayala to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Josh Monk SC – Approved upon providing 576 school hours.

Mr. Monk is an out of state applicant. He has over 22 years of experience in Fire Sprinkler. Mr. Monk is from Ontario Canada. He holds a license in 7 states and would like to get his license in Massachusetts. Need to provide 576 hours NICCET certification before he can sit for his sprinkler contractor exam. A **MOTION** was made by Justin Fishlin to **Approve** sitting for the Sprinkler Contractor exam upon submitting 576 hours of NICCET schooling. SECOND by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole)..

Grant Reynolds RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Reynolds is an out of state applicant. Mr. Reynolds was having technical difficulty and Brian Kelly reviewed and approved his paperwork. **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** sitting for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole)..

Thomas Dentino PJM – Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. Dentino is a Massachusetts resident. **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** sitting for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a

unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

B. Appeals of Denials of Applications for Examination.

Christopher Munroe PJM- Denied

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly to deny Mr. Joe to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam because he has to provide 350 hours of code course, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr;. The Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole)..

C. Bureau Apprentice License Renewals

Gary Peltonovich SA-Approved

MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Peltonovich for one more renewal, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole)

Luis Valentin SA-Tabled

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

Brian Nowark SA-Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Matthew Cabral SA-Approved

MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Cabral for one more renewal, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jonah Hadley RA-Approved

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

George Halliwell SA-Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jason Walkey SA-Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jason Paulino SA- Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Kevin Barry RA- Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jacob Aubuchon SA-Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jason Stearns PA-Tabled

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly and **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Todd Labrecque SA- Approved

MOTION was made by Justin Fishlin, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, , Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Thomas Staples SA-Approved

MOTION was made by Sharon Orr, **SECOND** by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Jonathan Bateman RA-Approved

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

Scott Drummond SA-Approved

MOTION was made by Justin Fishlin, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

D. Jurisdictional Report by Office of Public Safety and Inspections

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

E. Executive Director Report.

Ms. Cole advised that the Bureau is no longer printing hard-copy licenses and licensees can find an advisory and link on the Bureau's website to print their licenses.

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

Ms. Orr asked about the status of the regulations; Mr. Bridges advised that this month's agenda was too heavy, and the regulations will be on the agenda of the April meeting.

MOTION to Adjourn made by Justin Fishlin, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly, motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole).

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:25 a.m.

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

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting:

- a. Agenda for Meeting March 20, 2024
- b. Draft Minutes of Bureau meeting February 21, 2024
- c. Applications of:
 - Aaron Luz
 - Syed Ali
 - Christopher Pise
 - Jing Feng Ni
 - Joseph Andrade
 - Thomas Diack
 - Christopher Randall
 - Sean Conway
 - Brian Guierrez-Ayala
 - Josh Monk
 - Grant Reynolds
 - Christopher Munroe
 - Thomas Dentino
 - Gary Peltonovich
 - Luis Valentin
 - Brian Nowark
 - Matthew Cabral
 - Jonah Hadley
 - George Helliwell
 - Jason Walkey
 - Jason Paulino
 - Kevin Barry
 - Jacob Aubuchon
 - Todd Labrecque
 - Thomas Staples
 - Jason Stearns
 - Jonathan Bateman
 - Scott Drummond

