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Minutes

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

August 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 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 type="checkbox"/> absent
• VACANT, Air/Refrigeration Contractor -- Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Bridges, Associate Deputy Commissioner
Daniel Kilburn, Engineering Supervisor
David Vandal, District Engineering Inspector
Lynn Read, Board Counsel

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.



1. Meeting minutes for July 17, 2024

- **MOTION** was made by **Dennis Allen** and Second by Dan Dumont to **Approve** the Draft Minutes for the meeting held July 17, 2024. The Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen Yolanda Cole).

2. Executive Director Report, Ms. Cole reported that license are now digital.

3. Discussion

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

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

August Applicants

James Salamone RT– Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

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

Joseph Walker PJ – Approved for Pipefitter Journeyman exam

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

David Robinson SJ- Approved for Sprinkler Journeyman exam.

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

John Perkins SJ- Tabled absent 1st time.

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

Devin Walsh–PJ Tabled absent 1st time.

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

Steven Smith– Tabled absent 1st time

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

Jonathan Fuller RT-Tabled absent 1st time

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

Max Sleczkowski PJ- Tabled absent 1st time

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

Michael O'Mara RT - Tabled absent 2nd time

Mr. **O'Mara** was not present for today's meeting. Mr. Mara was **tabled**

Peter Davenport PJ-. Tabled absent 1st time

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

Jonathan Carden PJ -- Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. **Carden** was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Brian Kelly** to **Approve** Mr. Carden to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by **Sharon Orr** motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Russell Carson PJ -- Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. **Carson** as present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Dennis Allen to **Approve** Mr. **Carson** to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by **Dan Dumont** motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Zackery Joyal RT - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. **Joyal** was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by Brian Nicholson, to Approve Mr. **Joyal** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Shane Garrity RT-- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. **Garrity** was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Nicholson, to **Approve** Mr. **Garrity** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Dale Gerber RT -- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Gerber was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. **Gerber** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND Dennis Allen, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Chad Gerber RT - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Gerber was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by Sharon Orr to **Approve** Mr. **Gerber** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Jacob Gerber RT – Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam

Mr. Gerber was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **Approve** Mr. **Gerber** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND Brian Kelly, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Jeffrey Peterson RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Peterson was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. **Peterson** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Damien Carey RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Carey was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Brian Kelly to **Approve** Mr. **Carey** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Breland Thompson PJ - Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Thompson was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **Approve** Mr. **Thompson** to sit for the **Pipefitter Journeyman exam**, second by Dennis Allen, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Roland Keith RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam

Mr. Keith was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **Approve** Mr. **Keith** to sit for the **Refrigeration Technician exam**, SECOND Brian Kelly, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Nicholas Moussa RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Moussa was present for today's meeting. **Motion** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **Approve** Mr. **Moussa** to sit for the **Refrigeration Technician exam**, SECOND by Dennis Allen, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, (Brian Nicholson vote No), Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen,

Yolanda Cole).

Joseph Rubin RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Rubin was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Brian Kelly** to **Approve** Mr. **Rubin** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Edwards Ruggles RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. **Ruggles** was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Dennis Allen to **Approve** Mr. **Ruggles** to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND Sharon Orr, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Eli Chernin RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. **Chernin** was present at today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to **Approve** Mr. Chernin **to** sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Nicholson, Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen, Yolanda Cole).

Brian Hand SJ –

Mr. **Hand** was present at today's meeting. Mr. Hand presented information regarding his application and his medical condition and was advised that medical information could be discussed in closed Executive Session. Mr. Hand elected to postpone further discussion to Executive Session.

Trevor Thompson RT -Appeal of Denial of Applicant.

Mr. Thompson was present at today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Mark Fortune to **Approve** Mr. **Johnson** to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by Dennis Allen, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen Yolanda Cole).

Executive Session (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to review sensitive medical information)

At or around 11:45 a.m., a MOTION was made by Dennis Allen, seconded by Justin Fishlin, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to review sensitive medical information in a request for accommodation, and after the conclusion of the executive session to return to the public meeting. The Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Dennis Allen Yolanda Cole).

The Bureau maintains separate minutes of Executive Session.

5. Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety and inspection

Dan Kilburn reported on inspections and fines for expired licenses, unauthorized supervision by journey-level licensees rather than masters, and unlicensed practice.

6. Subcommittee Formation

The members discussed that the following members would form a subcommittee to discuss pipefitter welding: Dennis Allen, Brian Kelly, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally and Brian Nicholson, with Inspectors Dan Kilburn and David Vandal. The next step is for a meeting to be set up by Yolanda Cole.

7. Board Counsel Report

Regulations are under review by EOED.

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

No topics.

9. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at or around 11:36 a.m.

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

Documents Used in the Open Meeting:

Agenda for August 17, 2024

Applications of all persons listed in these Minutes