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## Minutes

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

September 18, 2024, 10:00 AM

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:01 AM, followed by roll call, the Chair asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

1. Roll Call

• Yolanda Cole, Chair	Present
• Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors	Present
• Dennis Allen, Pipefitter Member	Absent
• Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Contractor Member	Absent
• Pauline Lally, User Member	Present
• Nina Hollien, Public Member	Present
• Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer	Present
• Brian Nicholson, Refrigeration Technician Member	Present
• Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades	Present
• Mark Fortune, Sprinkler Fitter Membe	Present
• VACANT, Air/Refrigeration Contractor -- Boston	Vacant

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.



**2. Meeting minutes for August 21, 2024, minutes**

MOTION by Dan Dumont and Second by Mark Fortune to approve the Minutes of both the Open Meeting and the Executive Session held on August 21, 2024. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

**3. Executive Director Report, Ms. Cole reported that License are now digital.**

**4. Discussion**

- Bureau Applications for Examination to review.

Brian Kelly made a motion to table applicants who are not present for the first time, SECOND by Pauline Lally. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole)

**September Applicants**

Nicholas Samokar RT– Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Samokar was present for today's meeting. MOTION by Brian Nicholson to approve Mr. Samokar. to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Sharon Orr, Nina Hollien, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole)

Stephen Smith PJ – Approved for Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Smith was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Smith to sit for the PJ exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Matthew Novick PJ- Approved for Pipefitter Journeyman exam.

Mr. Novick. was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Novick to sit for the PJ exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Pauline Lally, Dan Dumont, Yolanda Cole).

John Perkins SJ- Denied absent 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Mr. Perkins was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time will be denied.

Devin Walsh–PJ Denied absent 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Mr. Walsh was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time will be denied.

Michael O'Mara RT – Denied absent 2<sup>nd</sup> time

Mr. O'Mara was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time will be denied.

Peter Davenport PJ-. Denied absent 2<sup>nd</sup> time

Mr. Davenport). was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time will be denied.

Michael Douville PJ- Tabled absent for 1<sup>st</sup> time

Mr. Douville). was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote applicants absent for the 1<sup>st</sup> time will be tabled.

Austin Audet PJ -- Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Audet was present for today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Audet to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Pauline Lally, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Yolanda Cole).

Joseph Boland PJ -- Approved Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Boland was present for today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Dan Dumont to Approve Mr. Boland to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Austin Audet RT - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Audet was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Sharon Orr, to Approve Mr. Audet to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Pauline Lally, motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Alex Jawobowski RT-- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Jawobowski was present for today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Brian Kelly, to Approve Mr. Jawobowski to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Levi Young RT – Conditionally Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Young was present for today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Sharron Orr to Approve Mr. Young to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam when he provides a Rhode Island license, SECOND by Brian Nicholson, motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of members present (Sharon Orr, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Brian Nicholson, Nina Hollien, Yolanda Cole). See further discussion below.

Cory Cassidy RT - Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Cassidy was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Cassidy to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Rafael Concepcion PJ – Approved for Pipefitter Journeyman exam

Mr. Concepcion was present for today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Concepcion to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam, SECOND Brian Kelly, motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Reconsideration of Levi Young RT

A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to reconsider the previous conditional approval of the application by Levi Young, SECOND by Mark Fortune, motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

A MOTION was made to by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. Young to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam without condition, SECOND Pauline Lally, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole in favor, Brian Nicholson and Nina Hollien opposed).

Keith Muller RT- Approved for Refrigeration Technician exam.

Mr. Muller was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Brian Kelly to Approve Mr. Muller to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND Brian Nicholson; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Joseph D'Emilia SJ-Appeal of Denial of Applicant Was approved

Mr. D'Emilia was present at today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to Approve Mr. D'Emilia. to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman exam, SECOND by Mark Fortune motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Jesse Dellea SJ-Appeal of Denial of Applicant Was denied

Mr. Dellea was present at today's meeting. A MOTION was made by Sharon Orr to denied Mr. Dellea to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman exam, SECOND by Mark Fortune motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

Brian Nowak – Sprinkler Apprentice

Brian Nowak was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Lee Wilbar – Refrigeration Apprentice

Lee Wilbar was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Ryan Thompson – Sprinkler Apprentice

Ryan Thompson was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Christopher Allen – Sprinkler Apprentice

Christopher Allen was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Joseph Ceccarini – Pipefitter Apprentice

Joseph Ceccarini was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Jason Paulino – Sprinkler Apprentice

Jason Paulino was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Jason Walkley – Sprinkler Apprentice

Jason Walkley was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Jacob Aubuchon – Sprinkler Apprentice

Jacob Aubuchon was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Scott Baker – Sprinkler Apprentice

Scott Baker was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Gregorg Dorsainval – Sprinkler Apprentice

Gregorg Dorsainval was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Benoit Goupil – Sprinkler Apprentice

Benoit Goupil was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Ethan Watson - Refrigeration Apprentice

Ethan Watson was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Aaron Wood – Pipefitter Apprentice

Aaron Wood was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Alexander Norton - Refrigeration Apprentice

Alexander Norton was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous motion this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Brian Nicholson made a motion to deny Apprentices who are not present for 2<sup>nd</sup> time,

SECOND by Sharon Orr. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole)

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 on Pipefitter Welder  
The members discussed that the next step is for a meeting of the Subcommittee on Pipefitter Welder to be set up by Yolanda Cole to discuss pipefitter welding.
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 Sharon Orr to adjourn the meeting, SECOND Pauline Lally, motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Nina Hollien, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Yolanda Cole).

The meeting was adjourned at or around 12:03 pm.

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Documents Used in the Open Meeting:

Agenda for September 18, 2024

Applications of all persons listed in these Minutes

Slides of Jurisdictional Report