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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
September 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 10:10 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Dan Dumont
Michael Torchio
Jennifer Revill
John Viola
Frank Norton
Pauline Lally
William Young

Board Members Not Present:

William Gallagher
Leo Fahey
Mark Fortune

Guests Present:

Brian Logan, Supervisor, District Inspectors
Pat Kane, District Engineering Inspector
Ted Carroll, District Engineering Inspector
Beth McLaughlin, DPS General Counsel
Carrie Torrisi, Assistant General Counsel
Maria Pereira, Program Coordinator
Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator
Holly Bartlett, Clerical Assistant
Michael Girouard, Applicant
Christopher Pompilli, Applicant
Kwame Agyemang, Applicant
Richard Martir, Applicant
David Grzech, Applicant

2. A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by John Viola, seconded by Frank Norton, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
3. A motion to enter into record the minutes from the July 18, 2012, meeting was made by Frank Norton, seconded by William Young, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
4. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:
 - Application from Michael Girouard to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Girouard was present at this meeting. **A motion to approve Mr. Girouard's application was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Bill Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- Application from Richard Martir to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Martir was present at this meeting. **A motion was made by Pauline Lally, seconded by Bill Young, to approve this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from David Grzech to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam and Pipefitter Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. Grzech was present at this meeting. **A motion was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Pauline Lally, to approve Mr. Grzech's application for Refrigeration Technician, motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Pauline Lally, seconded by William Young, to approve Mr. Grzech's application for Pipefitter Journeyman; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Kwame Agyemang to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. Agyemang was present at this meeting. **A motion was made by William Young, seconded by Pauline Lally, to approve this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Christopher Pompilli to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. Pompilli was present at this meeting. **A motion was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Pauline Lally, to approve this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Christopher Halle to sit for Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Halle was not present at this meeting. **A motion was made by William Young, seconded by John Viola, to approve this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Old Business:

- a. Maria Pereira brought up the matter of whether license holders can continue to hold RT and PJ licenses once they hold the contractor's or master's licenses. Following discussion of this matter, **a motion was made by William Young, and agreed to by unanimous vote of the Bureau members, that licenseholders should be allowed to continue to hold the lesser license following an upgrade, per the regulation.**

6. New Business

- a. Beth McLaughlin introduced to the Bureau changes to M.G.L. Chapter 146 made during the legislature's budget process which changed the definition of pipefitting, and will become effective November 1, 2012. A powerpoint presentation was made with recommendations as to how the Bureau might proceed with the new policy. Bureau members expressed concerns regarding the grandfathering provisions and there was a discussion as to how the application might be drafted to better ensure that qualified individuals receive the benefit of the grandfathering provision. Bureau members were presented with a draft application for grandfathered journeyman and master licenses, and asked to review it with proposed changes for the next meeting. Also to be added to the regulation will be language giving deployed military license holders time upon return from deployment to renew their license even if it is beyond the 1-year grace period. Following discussion, it was decided that the Bureau would meet again on Wednesday, October 3, to discuss how to proceed with the application reviews that would be required by the Bureau to accommodate the 'grandfather' clause of this new legislation.

- b.** John Viola asked about the status of a letter being drafted to the Commissioner regarding standpipes. ***The Chairman acknowledged that he will be drafting this letter, with the help of Mark Fortune.**

- 7. With no remaining topics on the agenda, a motion was made by Henry Geryk, seconded by John Viola, to adjourn this meeting at 11:55 a.m., motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.