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### Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters  
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780  
July 18, 2014, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:36 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman  
William Gallagher  
Pauline Lally  
John Viola  
Jennifer Revill  
Frank Norton  
Dan Dumont  
Brian Kelly

Guests Present:

John Annereau , Gould Construction Institute  
Chuck Borstel, ABC  
Barbara Lagragen, Gould Construction  
Luke Albano, SJ Applicant  
Brian Logan, DPS  
Carrie Torrisi, DPS  
Cesar Lastra, DPS  
Holly Bartlett, DPS

Board Members Not Present:

Mark Fortune  
Leo Fahey  
Michael Torchio

2. The Chairman asked for a vote to adopt the agenda for today's meeting. **Motion made by Jack Viola to adopt the agenda, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. The Chairman explained that the minutes from the meeting on June 18, 2014, are not complete at this time, and asked for a motion to table review of said minutes until the next meeting. **Motion made by Jack Viola to table review of the minutes, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. Review of changes to the grandfather pipefitter license applications The Chairman explained that the application was changed primarily on the first page, which now contains information at the top explaining that applicants who currently hold a MA Pipefitting license need only to complete the first page of the application. The Chairman also pointed a possible typo on page two of the master grandfather application, in the first paragraph should read, "... have worked four years", vice "five years". At this point it was clarified that under the grandfathering policy: Anyone currently holding a plumbing or pipefitting license can submit application (page 1 only) and be granted a process piping license; anyone not licensed but who has documentation of 4+ years of process piping work can submit application (with the required Work Experience Example sections of the application completed) and be

granted a process piping license; anyone not licensed with less than four years of documented process piping experience may submit application (with applicable Work Experience Examples) and be approved to sit for the exam for the process piping license. John Viola asked why plumbers are being specifically addressed in this application process; Carrie Torrisi explained that the same policy applies to currently licensed plumbers and pipefitters. Bill Gallagher asked how would, since he just renewed his master pipefitters license, the new process piping license be issued, if it would be a separate license. Cesar Lastra explained that the new pipefitting licenses will bear a restriction code on the reverse side of the license, similar to the restriction codes used for the hoisting licenses. **Motion made by Pauline Lally to approve the applications with the applicable correction to the typo on page 2 of the master application, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Discussion of procedure for approving grandfathered license applications The Chairman explained that if an applicant is currently licensed as a pipefitter, or holds a current license under Chapter 142, and submits Page 1 of the application *only*, Department of Public Safety will be handling those applications, and issuing licenses if sufficient proof of such license is provided. Applications submitted by non-licensed individuals who provide work experience will be forwarded to the Bureau for review/consideration. Pauline Lally asked that the Bureau members be notified when the new regulation has been promulgated, and the grandfathering applications have been approved for use, to which the Chairman agreed. **Motion made by Brian Kelly to authorize DPS to review and approve applications from current plumbing and pipefitting license holders, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
6. Discussion of change to the proposed regulation Carrie Torrisi addressed the Bureau members, advising them that there are no substantive changes, just a clerical change; the language regarding 'sufficient knowledge' contained in 11.02 has been removed to accurately reflect the language of the new statute. **Motion to accept this change made by Jack Viola, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
7. Flowchart for New Pipefitter License Applications Cesar Lastra addressed the Bureau, explaining that the flowchart being presented will apply for all new license applications, not the grandfathering applications. The Chairman mentioned that as part of the new pipefitting regulations, a person who holds an unrestricted journeyman license then becomes licensed for master pipefitter with specified restrictions will need to maintain both licenses, the master and the journeyman. Pauline Lally asked about the restrictions, and how they would apply to apprentice licenses; Cesar Lastra explained that if an apprentice applicant anticipates training in both process piping and power heating and cooling piping, they should apply for unrestricted apprentice. Cesar Lastra explained to the Bureau how current licenses will be affected by the grandfathering process if the holder does not apply to be granted a process piping restriction. Brian Kelly asked if there would be a change to the fee structure; the answer is no, the fee is provided on the grandfathering applications. Jennifer Revill asked if the Bureau will be discussing and establishing a procedure for consideration of the grandfathering applications that will be come before the Bureau for review; the Chairman said that such a process will be established and in place prior to the actual promulgation of the regulations and applications.
8. The following application for licensure was considered by the Bureau:
  - a. Application from Luke Albano to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman exam was re-considered, having been reviewed by the Bureau at the June meeting; Mr. Albano was present at this meeting. The fact that the applicant does not hold the prerequisite high school diploma or GED certificate was of concern to the Bureau members; John Viola asked Mr. Albano to explain why he does not hold a HS diploma, to which the applicant explained that he has been unable to pass the GED exam. The question was brought up whether DPS provides accommodations for applicants with a learning disability; Brian Logan explained to the Bureau that an applicant may be approved for special

accommodations when a documented disability exists. **Motion made by John Viola, seconded by Frank Norton, to approved this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

9. **Motion to adjourn made by Pauline Lally, seconded by Jennifer Revill; motion passed by unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.**

**The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters is to be determined.**

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft agenda for today's meeting
- b. Draft Application: Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter
- c. Draft Application: Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter
- d. Draft of 528 CMR
- e. Proposed Flowchart of New Pipefitting License Applications
- f. SJ Application, L. Albano