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Minutes

Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters

Division of Occupational Licensure Video Conference Call Meeting

August 17, 2022, 10:00 AM

1. 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:

Bureau Members Present:

Karalyn O'Brien, Chair
Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors
Scott King, Pipefitter Member
Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer
John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member
Allan Berry, Refrigeration Technician Member
Frank Norton, Boston Refrigeration Contractors
Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades (arrived 10:12)

Bureau Members Not Present:

VACANT, Public Member
Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Fitter Member
Pauline Lally, User Member

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference. Public access was provided via videoconference or telephone connection. The Chair informed the Bureau members of the following meeting protocols in order to comply with the Open Meeting Law:

- Meeting is 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:** The draft minutes from the June 15, 2022 Bureau meeting were reviewed. **MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 Bureau meeting made by John Viola, seconded by**



Sharon Orr; motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola)

3. Review of the following apprentice applications:

Robert Beauchemin (RA) – Approved

The renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license submitted by Robert Beauchemin was considered. Mr. Beauchemin was present in the meeting. **MOTION to approve the renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license made by John Viola, seconded by Allan Berry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, and John Viola)**

Andrew Fortunato (RA) – Approved

The renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license submitted by Andrew Fortunato was considered. Mr. Fortunato was present in the meeting. **MOTION to approve the renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license made by Sharon Orr, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, and John Viola)**

Theodore Flanders (SA) – Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license submitted by Theodore Flanders was considered. Mr. Flanders was present in the meeting. **MOTION to deny the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by John Viola, seconded by Scott King; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

Michael Curry (SA) – Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license submitted by Michael Curry was considered. Mr. Curry was present in the meeting. **MOTION to deny the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by John Viola, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

James Shdeed (SA) – Approved

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license submitted by James Shdeed was considered. Mr. Shdeed was present in the meeting. **MOTION to approve the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by John Viola, seconded by Sharon Orr; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

Jason Unthank (SA) – Tabled

The application to take the Sprinkler Apprentice exam submitted by Jason Unthank was considered. Mr. Unthank was not present in the meeting. **MOTION to table the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by Sharon Orr, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

Dustin Peck (SA) – Approved

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license submitted by Dustin Peck was considered. Mr. Peck was present in the meeting. **MOTION to approve the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by Sharon Orr, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

4. Review of the following applications to examine:

Steven Guido (RT) – Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Steven Guido was considered. Mr. Guido was present in the meeting. **MOTION to approve to take the Refrigeration Technician exam license made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Allan Berry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

Patrick Jasunas (SJ) – Approved

Application to examine for Sprinkler Journeyman's license submitted by Patrick Jasunas was considered. Mr. Jasunas was present in the meeting. **Motion to approve the application made by John Viola, seconded by Allan Berry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

Logan Garrow (SJ) – Approved

Application to examine for Sprinkler Journeyman's license submitted by Logan Garrow was considered. Mr. Garrow was not present in the meeting. **Motion to approve the application made by Scott King, seconded by Dan Dumont; motion passed by roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, John Viola, and Brian Kelly. Sharon Orr abstained.)**

5. Review of 'Guidelines for Distance Education' for use post COVID-19 State of Emergency

The Bureau discussed the Guidelines for Distance Education that were originally passed to enable individuals to access courses through distance learning measures during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Karalyn O'Brien, Chair of the Bureau, indicated that staff had looked at exam metrics to determine whether there was a correlation between the passage of the policy and any dip in exam scores, and the data did not indicate the policy had any effect on exam scores. Bureau Members expressed a preference for extending the policy indefinitely to allow individuals more options for completing the necessary education as prerequisite for taking licensure exams. **Motion to adopt a permanent version of the Guidelines made by Sharon Orr, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a unanimous vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)**

6. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code (527 CMR 1.00)

The Bureau discussed proposed revisions to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code in advance of the meeting of the Building Code Coordinating Committee (BCCC). The goal of the BCCC is to ensure all codes are consistent and no conflicts with existing codes. There was discussion about version of the Building Code currently under discussion by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS). Scott King highlighted Chapters One and Sixteen for additional review by staff.

7. Update on Initial Application / Renewal Website

Karalyn O'Brien, Chair of the Bureau, indicated that initial applications and renewals can be completed on the online at <https://madpl.mylicenseone.com>

8. Executive Order re: Reproductive Rights

Lynn Read, Bureau Counsel, reported on the Executive Order Regarding Reproductive Rights and the potential impact on the Bureau's review of applicants for exam with criminal records from other states.

9. Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety and Inspections

Inspector Dan Kilburn was unable to be present in the meeting and will present the jurisdictional report at the September meeting.

10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Members discussed whether an individual with an Oil Burner license would need a Pipefitting license to service residential oil burners. Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator, indicated that he would assist with the question.

11. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Brian Kelly, seconded Allan Berry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Allan Berry, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly) The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft minutes from the Bureau meeting on June 15, 2022
- b. RA License – Robert Beauchemin
- c. RA License – Andre Fortunato
- d. SA License – Theodore Flanders
- e. SA License – Michael Curry
- f. SA License – James Shdeed
- g. SA License – Jason Unthank
- h. SA License – Dustin Peck
- i. RT License Application – Steven Guido
- j. SJ License Application – Patrick Jasunas
- k. SJ License Application – Logan Garrow
- l. Guidelines for Distance Learning
- m. Revisions to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code 1.00
- n. Executive Order re: Reproductive Rights, Press Release