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Minutes

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

November 15, 2023, 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

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| • Grace Poirier, 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 Fitter Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Pauline Lally, User Member | <input type="checkbox"/> present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • VACANT, Public Member | <input type="checkbox"/> present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor 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 |

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 on being recorded. The Chair informed all attendees of the following meeting protocols in order to comply with the Open Meeting Laws:

- Meeting will be 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 October 18, 2023, meeting were reviewed. **MOTION** to approve the minutes made by John Viola, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

3. **Discussion:**

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

MOTION: Brian Kelly **SECOND** by Dan Dumont, to table applicants who are not present for the first time at this meeting. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Charles Kujala RT - Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Charles Kujala was considered. Mr. Kujala was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to approve Mr. Kujala to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Lucas Wooley RT - Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Lucas Wooley was considered. Mr. Wooley was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to approve Mr. Wooley to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Brandon Ruis RT - Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Brandon Ruis was considered. Mr. Ruis was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to approve Mr. Ruis to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Chang Joe - Tabled

Mr. Joe was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Jordan Martinez – Tabled

Mr. Martinez was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Robert Bernardos – Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Robert Bernardos was considered. Mr. Bernardos was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to approve Mr. Bernardos to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Ryan O'Toole - Tabled

Mr. O'Toole was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Kevin Kelleher - Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Kevin Kelleher was considered. Mr. Kelleher was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Brian

Kelly to approve Mr. Kelleher to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Mark Fortune; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Ralph Calef - Approved

The application to take the Refrigeration Technician exam submitted by Ralph Calef was considered. Mr. Calef was present for today's meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Sharron Orr to approve Mr. Calef to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam, SECOND by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

b. Appeals of Denials of Applications for Examination.

Jeffrey Gadsby – Tabled

Jeffrey Gadsby was present for today's meeting. Mr. Gadsby previously submitted a sprinkler fitter Journeyman's application which was denied due to an incomplete application which showed a lack of education and experience. Mr. Gadsby has filed an appeal for this denial. After discussion by the Bureau and Mr. Gadsby, **MOTION** was made by Justin Fishlin to Table until additional information is received by the Bureau, SECOND by Dan Dumont, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Joseph D'Emilia –Denied Exam/Approved Apprentice Renewal

Joseph D'Emilia was present for today's meeting. Mr. D'Emilia previously applied to sit for the Sprinkler exam which was denied do to not having the required experience. Mr. D'Emilia has filed an appeal for the denial. **MOTION** was made by Justin Fishlin to deny the sprinkler journeyman's application and approve the renewal of his apprentice license, SECOND by Mark Fortune, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Marc Messier - Denied

Marc Messier was present for today's meeting. Mr. Messier had previously applied for a refrigeration technicians license which was denied for the following reasons: he did not hold a valid refrigeration apprentice license, he did not provide documentation from an approved school to meet education requirements, and he did not provide documentation of work experience working under a refrigeration contractor license with apprentice license. After discussion by the Bureau and Mr. Messier, **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to deny the refrigeration technicians application, SECOND by Justin Fishlin, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

c. Review of Bureau Apprentice License Renewals.

MOTION: John Viola SECOND by Brian Kelly, to table applicants who are not present for the first time at this meeting. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Michael Pacheco – Denied Exam /Approved Apprentice Renewal

Michael Pacheco was present during today's meeting. Mr. Pacheco's employer had submitted a letter requesting the education requirement to take the sprinkler journeyman exam be waived due to Mr. Pacheco's military experience. Mr. Pacheco has renewed his apprentice license twice. **MOTION** was made by Justin Fishlin to deny Mr. Pacheco to sit for the journeyman's exam and renew his apprentice for one cycle, SECOND by John Viola, motion

passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Lee Wilmar – Denied

Lee Wilmar was not present for today's meeting. Mr. Wilmar is a refrigeration apprentice set to expire on 1/23/2024 and has 3 renewals. Mr. Wilmar was tabled at the last meeting because he was not present. **MOTION** was made by Dan Dumont to deny Mr. Wilmar's renewal, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Shane Adams - Denied

Shane Adams was present for today's meeting. Mr. Adams holds a pipefitter unrestricted apprentice license which expired on 11/5/2023 and has 2 renewals. **MOTION** was made by Dennis Allen to deny Mr. Adams' renewal, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Christopher Allen - Denied

Christopher Allen was not present for today's meeting. Mr. Allen is a sprinkler apprentice which expired on 11/14/2023 and has 2 renewals. Mr. Allen was tabled at the last meeting because he was not present. **MOTION** was made by John Viola to deny Mr. Allen's renewal, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Daniel Lagasse - Tabled

Daniel Lagasse was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Robert Martel - Tabled

Robert Martel was not present for today's meeting. This is his first absence, according to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Paulo Camara - Approved

Paulo Camara was present for today's meeting. Mr. Camara holds a sprinkler apprentice license which expired on 3/13/2023 and has 2 renewals. **MOTION** was made by John Viola to allow Mr. Camara to renew the next two cycles, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

Steven Listro - Approved

Steven Listro was present for today's meeting. Mr. Listro holds a sprinkler apprentice license which expired on 11/5/2023 and has 2 renewals. **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to allow Mr. Listro to renew one more time, **SECOND** by John Viola, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

d. Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety Inspections

Daniel Kilburn presented the OPSI jurisdiction report to the Bureau members. There were a total of thirty two (32) inspections: sixteen (16) pipefitting, twelve (12) sprinkler fitting inspections and four (4) refrigeration inspections. These inspections resulted in nine (9) violations.

4. Executive Director Report

Reminder that since August of 2023, DOL is no longer printing hard copy licenses.

5. Bureau Counsel Report

Lynn Read reported the proposed amended regulations have been approved to move forward to public hearing.

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

7. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Brian Kelly to adjourn, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin, motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, and Grace Poirier in favor).

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting.

- a. Charles Kujala – Refrigeration Technician
- b. Lucas Wooley – Refrigeration Technician
- c. Brandon Ruis – Refrigeration Technician
- d. Chang Joe - Refrigeration Technician
- e. Jordan Martinez – Refrigeration Technician
- f. Robert Bernardos - Refrigeration Technician
- g. Ryan O'Toole – Sprinkler Fitter Journeyman
- h. Kevin Kelleher - Refrigeration Technician
- i. Ralph Calef – Refrigeration Technician
- j. Jeffrey Gadsby – Sprinkler Fitter Journeyman
- k. Jospeh D'Emilia – Sprinkler Fitter Journeyman
- l. Marc Messier – Refrigeration Technician Journeyman