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Minutes

Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters

Division of Occupational Licensure
Video Conference Call Meeting

February 14, 2023, 1:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair at 1:30 PM, followed by roll call, the Chair asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

Bureau Members Present:

Grace Poirier, Chair
Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors
Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Fitter Member
Allan Berry, Refrigeration Technician Member
Pauline Lally, User Member
Frank Norton, Boston Refrigeration Contractors
Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer
John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member
Brian Kelly, Mass Building/Construction Trades
(Scott King (arrived 1:42 p.m.))

Bureau Members Not Present:

VACANT, Public Member

Pursuant to St. 2021, c. 20, § 20, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures, 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 Laws:

- 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 January 18, 2023, Bureau meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Frank Norton, seconded by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, and John Viola, Brian Kelly. Scott King was not yet present; Grace Poirier abstained from the vote.)**



3. Review of Bureau Applications for Examination

Vincent Slizewski (SJ) – Approved

Application to examine for Sprinkler Journeyman's license was considered. **Motion to approve the application by John Viola, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Allen Berry, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, Frank Norton, Grace Poirier. Justin Fishlin abstained)**

Nicholas Lamoureux (SJ) – Approved

Motion to approve the application pending letter of good standing from Rhode Island
Application to examine for Sprinkler Journeyman's license was considered. **Motion to approve the application pending letter of good standing from Rhode Island made by Justin Fishlin, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, John Viola, Sharon Orr, Brian Kelly and Grace Poirier.**

Scott King arrived at or around 1:42 p.m.

Andrew Leary (PJU) – Approved

Application to examine for Pipefitter Journeyman was considered. **Motion to approve the application made by Scott King seconded by Sharon Orr; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly and Grace Poirier)**

Alexander Fortes (PJU) – Approved

Application to examine for Pipefitter Journeyman was considered. **Motion to approve the application made by Scott King, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Brian Kelly, Scott King, Frank Norton, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Allen Berry, John Viola. Sharon Orr abstained.)**

4. Review of Bureau Apprentice License Renewals

A MOTION to TABLE all apprentices who are not present at the meeting and whose renewals are being considered by the Bureau for the first time made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly)

The following licensees were not present at the scheduled meeting:

- **Lee Mays (SA)**
- **Andrew M Bosko (SA)**
- **Michael J Wysocki (SA)**
- **Jonathan Losordo (SA)**
- **Benjamin M Tavares (RA)**
- **Shawn Paiva (PAU)**
- **Stephen A Corio (RA)**

Donald L Silva (SA) – Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license was considered. Mr. Silva was not present in the meeting for a second time. **Motion to Deny the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by John Viola, seconded by Justin Fishlin. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont; Scott King Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Carl A Banish (SA) – Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license was considered, Mr. Banish was not present in the meeting. **Motion to Deny the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by Dan Dumont, second by Justin Fishlin, motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (John Viola, Dan Dumont; Scott King Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Kent A Eckhart (SA) - Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license was considered. Mr. Eckhart was not present in the meeting. **Motion to Deny the renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license made by Brian Kelly, second Justin Fishlin, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont; Scott King Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Michael W Hayes (RA) – Denied

The renewal of the Sprinkler Apprentice license was considered. Mr. Hayes was not present in the meeting for a second time. **Motion to Deny the renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license made by Brian Kelly, second Allen Barry, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (John Viola, Dan Dumont; Scott King Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Ryan Nelson (PAU) - APPROVED

The renewal of the Pipefitter Apprentice license submitted by **Ryan Nelson** was considered. Mr. Nelson was present in the meeting. **Motion to approve the renewal of the Pipefitter Apprentice for one cycle made by Scott King, seconded Frank Norton, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier)**

Nicholas C Shea (PAU) - APPROVED

The renewal of the Pipefitter Apprentice license submitted by **Nicholas Shea** was considered. Mr. Shea was present in the meeting. **Motion to approve the renewal of the Pipefitter Apprentice for one cycle made by Brian Kelly, seconded Dan Dumont, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Frank H Lospennato (RA) – Denied

The renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license was considered. Mr. Lospennato was not present in the meeting. **Motion to Deny the renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license made by Brian Kelly, second Sharon Orr, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont; Scott King Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

Jason T Phu (RA) - APPROVED

The renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice license submitted by **Jason T Phu** was considered. Mr. Phu was present in the meeting. **Motion to approve the renewal of the Refrigeration Apprentice for one cycle made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Frank Norton, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, and Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier).**

5. Chair Report**Ms. Poirier reported on the Joint Guidelines and Grace Period DAS & DOL:**

All DAS and DOL requirements must be met, therefore apprentices within these professions must be both registered with DAS, and licensed by DOL. In other words, the registered apprentice must hold both a DAS-issued apprenticeship card and a DOL apprentice license. The DOL license must be issued by DOL prior to 6/30/2033. **The grace period will expire on June 30, 2023 for DAS apprentices to apply for a Bureau license and receive credit for hours worked while they were not licensed by the Bureau. After June 30, 2023, apprentices who have not applied for a Bureau license will not receive credit for hours worked while they were not licensed by the Bureau.**

6. Board Counsel Report

Lynn Read reported that the proposed amendments to the Bureau's regulations are under review.

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

Daniel Kilburn presented the OPSI jurisdictional report to the members.

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

- No discussion on matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

9. Motion to adjourn made by Frank Norton, seconded by Allen Berry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Scott King, Justin Fishlin, Allan Berry, Pauline Lally, Frank Norton, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Grace Poirier), meeting adjourned at 2:33PM

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft minutes from the Bureau meeting on January 18, 2023
- b. SJ Application – Nicholas Lamoureux
- c. SJ Application – Vincent Slizewski
- d. PJU Application – Alexander M Fortes
- e. PJU Application – Andrew Leary
- f. SA Donald L Silva
- g. SA Carl A Banish
- h. RA Frank H Lospennato
- i. RA Jason T. Phu
- j. PAU Nicholas C Shea
- k. RA Michael W Hayes
- l. SA Kent A Eckhart
- m. SA Lee Mays
- n. SA Andrew M Bosko
- o. SA Charles M Moran
- p. SA Michael J Wysocki
- q. SA Jonathan Losordo
- r. RA Benjamin M Tavares
- s. RA Michael W Hayes
- t. PAU Ryan Nelson
- u. PA Shawn Paiva
- v. Stephen A Cario