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Minutes

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

February 18, 2026 10:00 AM

Meeting called to order by the Chair at approximately 10:15 AM, followed by roll call, the Chair asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

1. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
• Yolanda Cole, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Dennis Allen, Pipefitter Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Contractor Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Pauline Lally, User Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Nina Hollien, Public Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Brian Nicholson, Refrigeration Technician Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Mark Fortune, Sprinkler Fitter Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• VACANT, Air/Refrigeration Contractor -- Boston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, 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 to being recorded. The Chair informed all attendees of the following meeting protocols to comply with the Open Meeting Laws:

- Meetings will be conducted by the Chair and speakers must be recognized to address the Bureau.
- Meeting is a public meeting, not a public hearing.
- Anyone not speaking is to be kept mute.
- All votes require a roll call by the Bureau members.
- All speakers must identify themselves by name.



2. **Meeting minutes for January 21,2026** MOTION by **Dan Dumont** and SECOND by **Sharon Orr** to approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting for January 21, 2026. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark Fortune, Dennis Allen, Brian Nicholson, Yolanda Cole in favor)
3. **Executive Director Report**, OPSI moved to 1 Federal Street, Boston.
4. **Board Counsel Report**, None
5. **Discussion**

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

Todd Larecque– SA-151095 Approved

Mr Larecque was present for today’s meeting. MOTION by **Mark Fortune** and SECOND by **Sharon Orr** to approve Mr. Larecque to renew his SA one more time upon receipt by the Chair of a medical letter, satisfactory to the Chair, substantiating the medical hardship described by the applicant. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole in favor)

Shaun Perry– SA-151037 Tabled

Mr Perry was not present for today’s meeting. MOTION by **Sharon Orr** and SECOND by **Dennis Allen** to table anyone absent for the first time. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Brian Nicholson, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole in favor)

Review and approval of the Amended Educational Framework with the new 450-hour requirement: Approved.

MOTION by **Dan Dumont** and SECOND by **Dennis Allen** to approve all three proposed Amended Educational Frameworks, with the following modification: in the Pipefitting framework, change “Victaulic” to “mechanical groove”. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Dan Dumont, Brian Kelly, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole in favor)

Discussion of process and criteria for hardship waiver of new educational requirement

The Bureau members discussed possible criteria that would be incorporated into a proposed Delegation of Authority relating to hardship waivers for the new education requirement, and expressed support for such delegation to be drafted and brought back for a vote at a future meeting.

6. Jurisdictional Report by the Office of Public Safety and inspection

David Vandal presented the report.

7. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting. Nothing

8. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to adjourn the meeting, **SECOND Dennis Allen** Motion passed by majority roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Sharon Orr, Dennis Allen, Brian Nicholson, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole). **The meeting was adjourned at around 10:52 a.m.**

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 10:00AM.