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Minutes

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

August 20, 2025, 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

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

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 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 July 16, 2025** MOTION by **Brian Nicholson** and SECOND by **Sharon Orr** to approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting July 16, 2025. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Justin Fishlin, Brian Nicholson, Mark Fortune, Yolanda Cole in favor) (Dan Dumont – Abstain)
3. **Executive Director Report**, OPSI moved to 1 Federal Street, Boston.
4. **Board Counsel Report**, Board Counsel Report Subcommittee has been scheduled, will discuss more in September..
5. **Discussion**
 - Bureau Applications for Examination to review.**

MOTION by **Sharon Orr** to **table** applicants who are not present for the 1st time, SECOND by Justin Fishlin. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote (, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont, Brian Kelly, Justin Fishlin, Yolanda Cole).

August Applicants

Matthew Brien RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians Exam.

Mr. Brien was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Brian Nicholson** to approved Mr. Foster to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont. **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Jacob Chicklo Neubauer RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians Exam.

Mr. Neubauer was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Dan Dumont** to approved Mr. Neubauer to sit for the RT exam he should us with 6000 hrs., SECOND by Brian Nicholson. **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Brian Kelly arrived at 10:19 a.m.

Michael Barlow RT – Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians exam.

Mr. Barlow was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to approve **Mr. Barlow** to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Mark Fortune. **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Mark Fortune, Dennis Allen, Brian Nicholson, Dan Dumont, **Brian Kelly abstained**, Yolanda Cole)

Joshua Poncin SJ– Approved to sit for Sprinkler Journeyman exam

Mr. Poncin was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by Justin Fishlin to approve **Mr. Poncin** to sit for the SJ exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr. **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark Fortune, Dennis Allen, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Yolanda Cole)

Michael Chiarello RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians Exam.

Mr. Chiarello was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Brian Nicholson** to approved Mr. Chiarello to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Dan Dumont. **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Salvatore Sutera RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians Exam.

Mr. Sutera was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to approved Mr. Sutera to sit for the RT exam once we receive his universal within one month, SECOND by Brian Nicholson. **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Aaron Ballard PJ- Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman Exam.

Mr. Ballard was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to approve Mr. Ballard to sit for the PJ Exam, SECOND by Bryan Nicholson **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Raymond Foster SJ - Approved to sit for Sprinkler Journeyman exam

Mr. Foster was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Sharon Orr** to approve Mr. Foster to sit for the SJ exam, SECOND by Justin Fishlin. **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark Fortune, Justin Fishlin, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Yolanda Cole)

Robert Benoit RT- Approved to sit for Refrigeration Technicians Exam.

Mr. Benoit was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Brian Nicholson** to approved Mr. Benoit to sit for the RT exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr. **Motion** passed by majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Nathan Racicot PJ- Approved to sit for Pipefitter Journeyman Exam.

Mr. Racicot was present for today's meeting. MOTION was made by **Brian Kelly** to approve Mr. Racicot to sit for the PJ Exam, SECOND by Sharon Orr **Motion** passed by

majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Dan Dumont, Mark fortune, Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly Yolanda Cole)

Bureau Apprentice License Renewals

George Antonopulos RA-172361 Refrigeration Apprentice - Tabled

Mr. Antonopulos was not present for today's meeting. Per previous vote, applicants absent for the 1st time will be tabled

Gary Peltonovich SA-150950 Sprinkler Apprentice - Approved

Mr. Peltonovich was present for today's meeting. **MOTION** was made by **Sharon Orr** to approve Mr. Peltonovich to renew his SA 1 more time, **SECOND** by Mark Fortune **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont Brian Nicholson, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly, Yolanda Cole

Robert Martel SA-151088- Sprinkler Apprentice - Tabled

Mr. Martel was present for today's meeting. Mr. Martel will be scheduled for a close executive session due to medical reasons. **MOTION** was made by **Justin Fishlin** to table Mr. Martel **SECOND** by Dan Dumont **Motion** passed by a majority roll call vote (Sharon Orr, Mark Fortune, Dan Dumont Brian Nicholson, Justin Fishlin, Brian Kelly, Yolanda Cole

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

David Vandal reported on inspections and fines for the month of July.

7. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Question was asked if walk in was allowed at 1 Federal Street, and they are, the Weld=come Center is available for walk-ins.

8. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by **Brian Kelly** to adjourn the meeting, **SECOND Sharon Orr** motion **passed** by majority roll call vote roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Mark Fortune, Justin Fishlin, Sharon Orr, Brian Nicholson, Brian Kelly, Yolanda Cole). **The meeting was adjourned at around 11:03 a.m.**

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, September 17th, at 10:00AM