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Minutes

Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters

Division of Occupational Licensure Video Conference Call Meeting

September 20, 2023, 10:00 AM

1. 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:

Bureau Members Present:

- Grace Poirier, Chair
- Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors
- Justin Fishlin, Sprinkler Fitter Member
- Dennis Allen, Pipefitter Member
- Pauline Lally, User Member
- VACANT, Public Member
- Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer
- John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member
- Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades
- Mark Fortune, Sprinkler Fitter 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 all attendees that the board meeting was being recorded via Microsoft Teams and that by remaining in the meeting they are consenting on being recorded. The Chair informed the Bureau members 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 August 16, 2023, meeting, Bureau meeting were reviewed. **MOTION** to approve the minutes made by John Viola, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier) Justin Fishlin lost connection.

3. **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, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Xabdiel Santiago PUJ (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Santiago was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Victor Brownwell RT (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Brownwell was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Richard Vadnais RC – (Approved to take Refrigeration Contractor exam)

Mr. Vadnais was present and presented his work history and education. Sharon Orr inquired about the local 104 certificate for refrigeration. John Viola asked if a person could skip being a journeyman. Mr. Vadnais and was told yes indicated that he has been a journeyman since 1996. Brian Kelly confirmed that his paperwork was in order and made a **MOTION** to approve the applicant, **SECOND** by Sharon Orr. Motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Andy Harilall RT- (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Harilall was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

4. **Review of Bureau Apprentice License Renewals**

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

Kevin Keeler – SJ (Tabled)

Mr. Keeler spoke with Chair Grace Poirier and let her know he could not attend the meeting.

Glenn Arrigo – RA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Arrigo was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by Dan Dumont to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Shan Karthiagesul – RA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Karthiagesul was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by Brian Kelly to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Dennis Allen; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

James Lindbloom – RA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Lindbloom was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by John Viola to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Ross Erickson – RA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Erickson was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by Justin Fishlin to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Justin Kisselbrock – PA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Kisselbrock was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by Dennis Allen to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Brian Kelly; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

George Kwasniuk – SA Denied (Absent for the second time)

Mr. Kwasniuk was tabled in the last meeting and did not appear for the second time. A **MOTION** was made by John Viola to deny renewal, **SECOND** by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Roger Blood Jr - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Blood was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Richard Homan SA (Approved)

Mr. Homan presented his situation. John Viola and Dan Kilburn provided guidance. Applicant must submit required paperwork from Doctor to be granted ADA accommodation. A **MOTION** to approve was made by Sharon Orr for renewal, seconded by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin (abstained), Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

Steven Olenjnikow - PA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Olenjnikow was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Brian Novak - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Novak was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Daniel Lagasse - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Lagasse was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Matthew Cabral - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Cabral was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Michael Pacheco - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Pacheco was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

Robert Martel - SA (Tabled first time absent)

Mr. Martel was not present at today's meeting. This is his first absence. According to the previous vote this applicant is tabled for the next meeting.

The following licensees were not present and tabled for the next meeting:

- **Xabdiel Santiago - PUJ**
- **Victor Brownwell - RT**
- **Andy Harilall - RT**
- **Kevin Keeler - SJ**
- **Roger Blood Jr – SA**
- **Steven Olenjnikow - PA**
- **Brian Novak – SA**
- **Daniel Lagasse – SA**
- **Matthew Cabral – SA**
- **Michael Pacheco – SA**
- **Robert Martel - SA**

Technology Learning Center's (TLC) Online Master Pipefitter program –After discussion, Bureau members decided to move forward with TLC program approval, this was based on the inspector's recommendation. **MOTION** to approve by Sharon Orr. **SECOND** by Dan Dumont; motion passed by a majority roll call vote. (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier).

5. Chair Report

- Allen Barry, Refrigeration Technician Member, resigned from his position prior to attending the meeting.
- Reminder that since August of 2023, DOL is no longer printing hard copy licenses.

Sharon Orr asked if the refrigeration technician board position is to be replaced since Frank Orr and Allan Berry have resigned from their seats. The Chair informed Ms. Orr that she had communicated this information through DOL's leadership team to the Board and Commissions Department. Ms. Orr inquired if seats are filled by statute, Lynn Read confirmed that seats are specified by statute.

6. Jurisdictional report by the Office of Public Safety and Inspections

For the month of August there were five (5) pipefitting inspections resulting in no violations, there were also five (5) sprinkler fitting inspections with 3 violations. DOL also conducted ten (10) refrigeration inspections that resulted in 2 violations.

7. Bureau Counsel

Lynn Read did not have anything to report separate from the Agenda items.

Sharon Orr asked for an update for the regulations that the Bureau passed, Ms. Read indicated that there are no recent updates and that it is not unusual for these types of revisions to take some time.

Justin Fishlin asked Ms. Read about updating code references; he indicated that the code book used is ten years old. Mr. Fishlin inquired on how to update the code book, since in 2016 there was a significant change in the industry for code references. Ms. Read indicated that there are strict rules in updating regulations but that she will look into this request.

Mark Fortune reflected on past Bureau meetings and asked John Viola to comment on the building code information that is used. Mr. Viola indicated that there is supposed to be an

update in January 2024 for building codes. Lynn Read will consult in how to apply updates into the codes.

8. Adjournment made at 11:03 am:

MOTION to adjourn made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Justin Fishlin; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Dan Dumont, Justin Fishlin, Pauline Lally, Sharon Orr, John Viola, Brian Kelly, Dennis Allen, Mark Fortune and Grace Poirier)

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Xabdiel Santiago – Pipefitter Journeyman
- b. Victor Brownwell – Refrigeration Technician
- c. Richard Vadnais - Refrigeration Contractor
- d. Andy Harilall - Refrigeration Technician
- e. Glenn Arrigo – Refrigeration Apprentice
- f. Shan Karthiagesul – Refrigeration Apprentice
- g. James Lindbloom – Refrigeration Apprentice
- h. Ross Erickson – Refrigeration Apprentice
- i. Justin Kisselbrock – Pipefitter Apprentice
- j. George Kwasniuk – Sprinkler Apprentice
- k. Roger Blood Jr - Sprinkler Apprentice
- l. Richard Homan - Sprinkler Apprentice
- m. Steven Olenjnikow - Pipefitter Apprentice
- n. Brian Novak - Sprinkler Apprentice
- o. Daniel Lagasse - Sprinkler Apprentice
- p. Matthew Cabral - Sprinkler Apprentice
- q. Michael Pacheco - Sprinkler Apprentice
- r. Robert Martel - Sprinkler Apprentice