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## Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters**  
**Division of Professional Licensure**  
**1000 Washington Street, Room 1D**  
**Boston, MA 02118**  
**September 19, 2018, 10:00 AM**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:04 a.m., followed by roll call, the Chair asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

**Bureau Members Present:**

David Sullivan, Chair  
Frank Norton, Boston Refrigeration Contractors  
Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer  
John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member  
Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades  
Scott King, Pipefitter Member  
Allan Berry, Refrigeration Technician Member  
Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors  
Justin Fishlin, Sprinklerfitter Member  
Jennifer Revill, Public Member

**Bureau Members Not Present:**

Pauline Lally, User Member

**Guests Present:**

Thomas Perrone, Jr., RC Applicant (Conference Call)  
Joseph Harold, III, RC Applicant  
John Smith, PJ-00 Applicant  
John Kilduff, IUOE Local 877  
Julie Kelliher, Gould Construction Institute  
Barbara Lagergren, Gould Construction Institute  
Paul McGrath, Pipefitters Local 537  
Henry Mattuchio, DAS  
Cesar I. Lastra, DPL  
Charles Kilb, DPL  
Brian Logan, DPL  
Joseph Pineyro, DPL  
Diana Pirone, DPL

2. **Minutes:** The draft minutes from the July 18, 2018 Bureau meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

3. **Introduction of new Bureau member: Scott King**

The Chair introduced Scott King to the Bureau members who will be representing the Pipefitters. The Chair also recognized the former Bureau member, Leo Fahey, for his years of service.

Scott King is the Co-Owner and President of New England Orbital Services and is a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Mr. King informed the Bureau members of his past involvements with the Bureau as a supporter of Process Piping licensure by submitting, along with other supporters, contributions to the Bureau during the regulation drafting process and working with Barbara Lagergren of the



Gould Construction Institute in developing a Process Piping curriculum. Mr. King added that he looks forward to providing positive input to the Bureau.

#### 4. Review of the following applications to examine:

##### **Thomas Perrone, Jr. (RC) – Denied**

Application to examine for Refrigeration Contractor license submitted by Thomas Perrone, Jr. was considered. Mr. Perrone was present at the meeting via conference call. Mr. Perrone is licensed in Texas as an Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Contractor and completed the four year HVAC course through the H.C. Wilcox Regional Vocational-Technical School in Connecticut. Mr. Perrone is seeking the Massachusetts Refrigeration Contractor license to work on a five (5) ton refrigeration unit in an indoor pool room. The Bureau informed Mr. Perrone that a Bureau license is not required to install a five (5) ton refrigeration unit. **Motion to deny the application made by Allan Berry, seconded by Jennifer Revill; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

##### **John Smith (PJ-00) – Approved**

Application to examine for Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted license submitted by John Smith was considered. Sharon Orr recused herself at 10:21 a.m. as the applicant is personally known. Mr. Smith is licensed in Connecticut as a Heating, Piping, and Cooling Unlimited Journeyman and attended the Norwich Technical School. **Motion to approve the application made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.** Ms. Orr returned to the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

##### **Joseph Harold, III (RC) – Denied**

Application to examine for Refrigeration Contractor license submitted by Joseph Harold, III was considered. Mr. Harold is licensed in Rhode Island as a Refrigeration Master 1 and in Connecticut as a Heating, Piping, and Cooling Unlimited Contractor. Mr. Harold is also licensed in Massachusetts as a Refrigeration Apprentice (RA-172351), Pipefitter Master PHCP (PM-298980), and Pipefitter Master PP (PM-297357). Charles Kilb, Bureau Counsel, made the Bureau aware that Mr. Harold previously held the license, but voluntarily gave the license back as there were questions about meeting the license pre-requisites. Bureau Counsel added that the settlement agreement that was provided to the Bureau did not prevent Mr. Harold from reapplying for the license once he attained the credentials. **Motion to deny the Refrigeration Contractor application and allow Mr. Harold to sit for the Refrigeration Technicians examination made by Frank Norton, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.** Mr. Harold questioned the Bureau whether he will be required to provide 100 hours of additional education at the time he applies for the Refrigeration Contractor license. **Motion to allow Mr. Harold to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor examination and not be required to provide the additional 100 hours of education if he passes the Refrigeration Technicians examination and reapplies in a year made by Dan Dumont, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

#### 5. Review of draft 528 CMR for further changes

Charles Kilb, Bureau Counsel, informed the Bureau of the ongoing matters regarding making changes to 528 CMR. Bureau Counsel noted that the OPSI staff is trying to schedule a meeting with Sharon Orr and others to discuss the welding categories and that the DPL Commissioner, Charles Borstel, has asked the Bureau Counsel to draft language on disciplinary authority to be in line with other DPL regulations. Bureau Counsel added that any changes will be made available to the Bureau for their review and consideration. John Viola questioned whether a high school diploma should be a requirement for the Sprinkler Contractor license as it is required to attain the Journeyman Sprinklerfitter license. Bureau Counsel will look in to the matter.

**\*\*\* Bureau meeting interrupted by a fire alarm at around 10:53 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:13 a.m. \*\*\***

## 6. Open Discussion of Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Matters with Division of Apprenticeship Standards Deputy Director Henry Mattuchio

The Chair informed the Bureau members of the request made by the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) to have the Bureau recognize their Energy System Technology 2 year associates degree and 1 year certificate programs to count towards fulfilling the educational requirements to sit for the Refrigeration Technicians exam. The STCC is a Bureau approved Refrigeration Technician school for Refrigeration Apprentices that produce documentation of 6,000 work hours (250 Hours: 100 refrigeration code hours and 150 electrical code hours). Cesar I. Lastra added that the STCC Energy System Technology 2 year associates degree and 1 year certificate program is composed of the Bureau approved refrigeration courses and electrical courses. Bureau members questioned why the matter would be brought to their attention if the schooling has been approved. Charles Kilb, Bureau Counsel, reiterated the importance of the Bureau's involvement in reviewing programs and having a formal recognition come from the Bureau. Brian Kelly indicated concerns over the hours that the STCC documented in their 1 year certification program. A discussion ensued amongst the Bureau over the representation of credit hours over clock hours. Mr. Lastra informed the Bureau of the documentation provided by the STCC that lists the number of hours associated to the courses that were approved by the Bureau. **Motion to have a STCC representative at the next meeting to explain the program to the Bureau made by John Viola, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.** Sharon Orr acknowledged the vote, but expressed concerns over the potential of an approved program losing certification if the Bureau does not agree with the approved content.

On the topic of outreach to vocational schools, Bureau Counsel informed the Bureau of the efforts made by the OPSI staff to inform vocational schools of the following matters:

- Allocating 50 schooling hours and 500 work hours from the frameworks in HVAC, Plumbing, or Metal Fabrication towards attaining a future Pipefitter license.
- Unable to accommodate a Refrigeration Co-op due to the 18 years of age statutory requirement.
- Initial discussions about creating a Pipefitting only vocational program.

The Chair made the request that the Bureau discuss crediting schooling hours and work hours through a vocational school to count towards a future Refrigeration Technician license at the next Bureau meeting.

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

Brian Logan, District Engineering Inspector, presented the OPSI jurisdictional report for the month of August. Mr. Logan informed the Bureau members that no civil fines were issued and that Bureau license examinations resulted in the following:

- No applicants for the Pipefitter Master exam.
- Three (3) applicants for the Pipefitters Journeyman exam passed.
- One (1) applicant for the Refrigeration Contractor exam passed.
- Seven (7) out of 15 applicants for the Refrigeration Technicians exam passed.
- One (1) applicant for the Sprinkler Contractor exam passed.
- Five (5) out of 12 applicants for the Sprinkler Journeyman exam passed.

Mr. Logan also informed the Bureau members of a compliance check in Dennis, Massachusetts where he came across a service vehicle without their Bureau license numbers listed. Mr. Logan notified the contractor that it is a regulatory requirement to list their Bureau license numbers on their company vehicles. Mr. Logan added that this was the third occurrence that the District Engineering Inspectors came across and wanted to bring the matter to the attention of the Bureau.

**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 Justin Fishlin, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Division of Professional Licensure, 1000 Washington Street, Room 1D, Boston, MA 02118.**

**List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting**

- a. Draft minutes from the Bureau meeting on July 18, 2018
- b. RC Application – Thomas Perrone, Jr.
- c. PJ-00 Application – John Smith
- d. RC Application – Joseph Harold, III
- e. Settlement Agreement: Joseph R. Harold III Occupational Licenses
- f. 528 CMR: BUREAU OF PIPEFITTERS & REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS
- g. Proposed Changes to 528 CMR 11.00: PREREQUISITES FOR EXAMINATIONS FOR PIPEFITTERS, REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS, AND SPRINKLER FITTERS (September 19, 2018)
- h. Springfield Technical Community College: Massachusetts Refrigeration License Course Hours
- i. Springfield Technical Community College: Energy System Technology 2 year A.S. Degree with refrigeration license course hours
- j. Springfield Technical Community College: (Energy System Technology) one year certificate program
- k. Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters – Compliance Inspection Report (September 19, 2018)