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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
October 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:33 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Edward Kawa, Chairman
William Gallagher
Pauline Lally
John Viola
Frank Norton (arrived at 9:38)
Mark Fortune
Leo Fahey

Board Members Not Present:

Jennifer Revill
Brian Kelly
Dan Dumont
Michael Torchio

Guests Present:

Doug Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Chuck Borstel, ABC
Barbara Lagergren, Gould Construction
Gordon MacEwan, IAPMO
Kathleen Osborne, LEWAPT
Luke Ciarfella, LEWAPT
Henry Geryk, DPS
Robert Schultz, DPS
Carrie Torrisi, DPS
Cesar Lastra, DPS
Holly Bartlett, DPS

2. The Chairman asked that the Bureau consider for approval minutes from the Bureau meeting on September 17, 2014. **Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 17, 2014, made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. Use of state e-mail address: The chairman informed the Bureau members that the Department is moving forward to provide all Bureau members with state e-mail addresses to be used for all future communication regarding Bureau matters. This will aid in ensuring compliance with Open Meeting Law requirements.
4. Review of Applications: Inspector Henry Geryk addressed the Bureau regarding the following applications for licensure:
 - a. Application from Cody Murphy to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Murphy was not present at this meeting. Inspector Geryk informed the Bureau that although Mr. Murphy had taken the RT exam once before in 2013, it does not appear that he has met the experience requirement to sit for the exam. **Motion to table this application until Mr. Murphy can provide additional information regarding his experience made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

b. Application from Robert Barasch to sit for Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. Barasch was not present at this meeting. Inspector Geryk explained that Mr. Barasch's application was submitted in 12/2012, but had not been reviewed until now; Mr. Barasch is willing to appear before the Bureau if necessary. There was brief discussion as to what the out of state licenses that Mr. Barasch holds actually encompass; the Chairman reiterated that the Bureau must verify equivalency of the out of state licenses held, either by determination of the Bureau or by asking the applicant to appear. A suggestion was made to let Inspector Geryk research the out of state licenses to determine equivalency, and present that to the Bureau at the next meeting. **Motion made by John Viola to table this application until the next meeting; motion seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Review of Grandfathering Applications: The Chairman explained to the Bureau that the grandfathering applications to be reviewed at today's meeting are those that have been submitted based on work experience; each application will be reviewed by each Bureau member present, who will indicate on the coversheet whether or not they approve the application for the license applied for. Applications will be considered 'approved' when a majority of Bureau members has indicated that they approve the application. **The Chairman will check with Legal as to if and how a person whose application has been denied may appeal that decision.** It was clarified that 'administrative deficiencies', such as a missing signature or notary seal, will be addressed by the Department prior to applications coming before the Bureau. Leo Fahey asked how a person could be considered for a Master process piping license if that person has not held a journeyman's license. This matter was discussed briefly, Inspector Geryk clarified that in order to be approved for a grandfather master license, an application would have to provide proof that their experience has been in an ownership or management position. The Chairman clarified that only those applications where work experience is being submitted to determine eligibility for a grandfathered license are coming before the Bureau; applications from licensed plumbers and pipefitters do not need approval of the Bureau. The Chairman passed out the completed applications to the Bureau members, asking that once they have completed their review they pass the application to the right, continuing in this manner until each member has reviewed each of the 11 applications being reviewed today.

The following decisions were made by a majority of the Bureau members regarding the applications reviewed:

S. Golden	PM-02-Welder	Approved
J. Pimental	PJ-02	Approved
S. King	PM-Welder	Approved
E. Dabs	PJ-02	Approved
G. Flores	PJ-02	Approved
T. Devine	PM-02	Approved
N. Baras	PJ-02	Approved
R. Frati	PJ-02	Approved
B. Malloy	PJ-02	Approved
M. Perry	PJ-02	Disapproved
P. Conner	PM-02	Disapproved
J. Sadlowski	PM-02	Disapproved

6. **Motion to adjourn made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.**

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

The Public Hearing regarding changes in regulation will be on Friday, October 31, at 10 AM at One Ashburton Place, Boston.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft agenda for today's meeting
- b. Minutes from meeting on September 17, 2014
- c. RT Application, Cody Murphy
- d. RC Application, Robert Barasch
- e. Grandfather Process Pipefitter Applications (11)