

Meeting Minutes: Board of High-Pressure Piping Systems

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.
Minutes by: Lyndy Logan
Location: WebEx Event

Members Present

1. Aubrey Archer
2. Kyle Bain
3. Tim Daugherty (Vice Chair)
4. Todd Green (Commissioner's Designee)
5. Nirmal Jain
6. Brett Kilbourne
7. Matt Marquis (Secretary)
8. Greg Pumper
9. Russ Scherber (Chair)
10. Mark Slagle
11. Kent Spalding
12. Mark Worms

DLI Staff & Visitors

Jeff Lebowski (Gen. Counsel, DLI)
Lyndy Logan (DLI)
Pat McCullough (City of St. Paul)
Gary Thaden (NECA/MMCA/SMACNA)
Roger Thein (St. Paul Pipefitters JATC)

Members Absent

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Scherber. Secretary Marquis did roll call and a quorum was met with 12 of 12 voting members present electronically. Scherber welcomed new members Nirmal Jain and Kent Spalding, and gave the following statement:

- Today's meeting is being held electronically via the WebEx format due the current status of the State of Minnesota operating under the COVID-19 health pandemic. Per Statute Section 13D.021 electronic meetings are acceptable when holding an in-person meeting is "not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12". All votes will be taken by roll call.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Marquis, seconded by Kilbourne, to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 12 votes in favor; the motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Daugherty, seconded by Pumper, to approve the July 9, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 9 votes in favor, and three abstentions; the motion carried.

4. Approval of Expense Reports

Electronic expense reports will be sent by Lyndy to Financial Services for approval/payment.

5. Regular Business

A. Licensing and permitting

Todd Green gave an update on iMS, the department's new web-based permitting/inspection system that replaced eTrakit.

6. Special Business

A. Code Adoption – Green

- IIAR's second public review of BSR/IIAR 2-202X, Safety Standard for Design of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Refrigeration Systems, began Sept. 11, 2020 and ends Oct. 26, 2020. Comments can be found on the IIAR's website. [Link is now closed].
- ASME B31.1-2020 was published – the Board previously adopted 2018. Department staff will begin an informal review and comparison of the 2018 and 2020 editions and report back to the Board at the January meeting.
- ASME 2021 BPV Code, Section IX may not be published until Spring/Summer 2021 and Green suggested the Board wait for this publication if it coincides with current rulemaking; however, the 2019 edition has been ordered and will be reviewed. The Board previously adopted 2017.
- ASME B31.5-2019 was ordered and will be reviewed – next publication isn't scheduled until 2022. The Board previously adopted 2016.
- ASME BPE-2019 will be ordered for review but noted that these projects are very rare for the department.
- Green encouraged Board members to review codes mentioned above and noted he could order more code books – Chair Scherber said this would be a good idea.

7. Complaints

Nothing brought forth

8. Open Forum

Attendees were instructed to use the "chat" and "raise your hand" features to address the Board and attendees sent a chat to all panelists indicating they had no questions/comments.

9. Board Discussion

- Board members currently serving in their 1st or 2nd term, expiring Dec. 31, 2020, were advised to apply with the Secretary of State if they wished to be considered for re-appointment. Members may serve until re-appointed, or a successor is appointed, but in no case later than July 1, 2021. Members in their 3rd term are not eligible for re-appointment but may re-apply after not serving for one year. The Governor is the appointing authority.
- The Board welcomed Nirmal Jain and Kent Spaulding to the Board.

10. Announcements

Next regularly scheduled 2020 meeting – 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Location/WebEx

- October 8, 2020

11. Adjournment

A motion made by Marquis, seconded by Kilbourne, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous with 12 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Marquis

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Secretary