

Meeting Minutes: Board of High-Pressure Piping (Draft)

Date: Jan. 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Minnesota Room, DLI, 443 Lafayette Rd. No., St. Paul, MN 55155

Members present

1. Joe Abbott
2. Aubrey Archer
3. Kyle Bain – Vice-Chair
4. Sam Christenson
5. Nirmal Jain
6. Mark Kincs
7. Matt Marquis – Secretary
8. Patrick McCullough
9. TJ Peterson – CO’s designee
10. Jake Pettit
11. Ronald Staskivige
12. Roger Thein
13. Mark worms – Chair

Members absent

- None

DLI staff & visitors

- Jeff Lebowski (board counsel, DLI)
- Lyndy Logan (DLI)
- Sean Callanan (DLI)
- Daniel Becker (DLI) – WebEx
- Todd Green (DLI)
- Ken McGurran (DLI) – WebEx
- Josiah Moore (DLI)
- Sean O’Neil (DLI)

1. Call to Order

- A. Roll call – the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Worms, and the roll call was completed by Secretary Marquis – a quorum was met with 13 of 13 voting members present in person.
- B. Announcements/Introductions – Chair Worms
 - All handouts discussed and meeting information are posted on the Board’s website at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/board-high-pressure-piping-systems>
 - Everyone present in person and via WebEx can hear all discussions.
 - All votes will be taken by roll call if any member attends remotely.
 - Members whose terms expire on Dec. 31, 2025, will continue serving on the Board until a replacement is appointed or until June 30, 2026, whichever occurs first.
- C. WebEx instructions/procedures were read aloud.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Abbott, seconded by Thein, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous, with 13 votes in favor; the motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marquis, seconded by Bain, to approve the July 10, 2025, regular Board meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous, with 13 votes in favor; the motion carried.

4. Approval of Expense Reports

Lyndy will submit expense reports to Financial Services for payment.

5. Regular Business

A. Permitting and inspection update – T.J. Peterson

- HPP permits issued in CY 2025 – 479
- Inspection instructions and checklist for emergency repair and replacement under blanket permits can be found on the department’s website at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/business/high-pressure-piping-contractors/high-pressure-piping-permits>

B. Licensing and enforcement update – Sean O’Neil

Refer to the [CCLD Review](#) for enforcement actions involving contractors who were fined for performing unlicensed work in Minnesota.

Active licenses and registrations

• HPP contractors	116
• HPP master	361
• HPP journey workers	2,239
• Registered unlicensed	698
• HPP exams administered in CY 2025	203
○ Master HPP: 31 – Pass Rate 64.5%	
○ Journeyworker HPP: 172 – Pass Rate 67.4%	
○ DLI Apprenticeship Program Journeyworker HPP 92.9%)	
• Enforcement	
○ Active HPP enforcement investigations YTD	1
○ Orders issued CY 2025	4
○ Investigations closed CY 2025	7

6. Special Business

Todd Green, CCLD Director, gave the following department update:

- The Plumbing Plan Review unit completed 2,553 reviews/approvals, and the Plumbing Inspections unit conducted 5,718 inspections statewide.
- Building Plan Review completed 792/approvals, and building inspections conducted 4,784 inspections.
- The Electrical Inspections unit conducted 190,765 inspections. 52,551 of these inspections were completed virtually, averaging nearly 4,400 virtual inspections a month for the year. 28% of all inspections were virtual. 73,000+ miles saved and 2,665 hours of driving saved.
- The Elevator Inspections unit conducted 10,514 periodic safety inspections on in-service elevators and 5,414 construction-related inspections.
- Boiler Inspections completed 9,344
- Overall, CCLD issued 139,147 permits and conducted 227,920 inspections in 2025 across all units.

- All of CCLD’s work is managed within iMS—except for electronic plan reviews—including eight inspection units (and their related construction permits), licensing, enforcement, education, internal operations, and support from our dedicated IT team.

7. Complaints

Nothing brought forth

8. Open Forum

No open forum requests

9. Board Discussion

The board discussed the following **key factors**:

- The board periodically adopts new editions of **four standards** (e.g., B31.1, B31.5, Boiler Code Section 9).
- Current editions in use:
 - **B31.1**: 2020 edition (2022 issued, 2024 in effect, 2026 expected September).
 - **Boiler Code Section 9**: Currently references 2021 edition.
- **B31.5**: New edition expected in about **1 year**, with proposed changes available for public comment in **2–3 months**.
- Full rulemaking process takes **9–12 months** (including notices and adoption).
- Last update process began in **February 2022** (4 years ago).
- Board meets **every 6 months**, which limits flexibility.

Timelines

- **B31.5 proposed changes**: Available for public comment in **2–3 months**.
- **New B31.5 edition publication**: Likely in **about 1 year**.
- **B31.1 2026 edition**: Expected **September 2026**.
- **Rulemaking process**: Requires **9–12 months** once initiated.

Action Items

- Decide when to start the rulemaking process**: Options: **February**, **between now and July**, or **after new members join**.
- Consider forming subcommittees** to review standards and start the process.
- Issue Request for Comments/Notice of Intent** (60-day public notice) as the first step.
- Plan special meeting** (possibly **April–May**) to:
 - Set up subcommittees.
 - Begin code review.
- Authorize Chair to initiate 60-day notice** if board agrees.

10. Announcements

Regular meetings – 10 a.m., January and July, second Thursday, at DLI with WebEx/phone option

- July 9, 2026 (election of officers)

11. Adjournment

A motion made by Marquis, seconded by Bain, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. The vote was unanimous, with 13 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Marquis

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Secretary

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