

MAINE FUEL BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Date: June 10, 2021
Meeting Location: This meeting occurred via remote access pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §403-A.
Time Meeting Began: 9:01 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

David Foster, Acting Chairman
Richard McCarthy
Paul McClay

Members absent:

Mark Bossie
Maynard “Skip” Waltz

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Mary Lord, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Kristin Racine, OPOR Attorney
Peter Holmes, Senior Inspector

AAG Present:

Ron Guay

II. AGENDA MODIFICATION AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion: Paul McClay
Second: Richard McCarthy

Motion Carried

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Richard McCarthy
Second: Paul McClay

Motion Carried

IV. RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

Kristin Racine, Catherine Carroll and Peter Holmes presented a draft of Chs. 1 through 6 for board consideration. David Foster recommended establishing a subcommittee to work on proposed chapters to recommend to the full board for rulemaking

V. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS (2020-FUE-16881, 2020-FUE-16882, 2020-FUE-16883, 2020-FUE-16884, and 2020-FUE-16885 were voted in a block.)

A motion was made to offer consent agreements to each of the delivery technicians for allegedly delivering gas to dispensing stations in violation of the board's laws and rules, and to assess a \$100.00 penalty and issue a warning to each of the technicians.

Motion: Paul McClay

Second: Richard McCarthy

Motion Carried

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A motion was made to take the case to hearing for allegedly performing electrical wiring with a fuel license – working beyond the scope of the license.

Motion: Richard McCarthy

Second: Paul McClay

Motion Carried

V. STATE FUEL INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Peter Holmes reported on assisting the OFM and local CEOs on inspections. Pete said there's an increase in unlicensed practice. Bulk plant installations have slowed. Inspectors are busy inspecting dispensing stations. Homeowner complaints are up. Inspectors can maintain safe distancing to facilitate inspections. Inspectors are meeting regularly. Working with PERC on their new learning portal. Pete noted that he's working with PROV to assure that exam candidates for some of the gas exams have access to tables to solve problems on venting and piping. Working toward an open-book exam version.

VI. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reported that the complaint committee would be meeting after this meeting, and that the legislative session, so far, has no bills affecting the board.

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

Motion: Richard McCarthy

Second: Paul McClay

Motion Carried