

MAINE FUEL BOARD

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026
Meeting Location: 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner / Remote participation through Zoom
Time Meeting Began 9:00 a.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 12:37 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

Mark Bossie, Chairman
Loren Gordon
Maynard (Skip) Waltz
David Foster

Members attending via Zoom

Paul McClay
Gregory Day
Mark Anderson

Staff Present

Penny Vaillancourt, Director
Dale Hersey, Senior Inspector
Karen Ross, Licensing Supervisor
Kristen Bowker, Board Staff
Holly Poirier, Board Manager

Board AAG

Kathryn Horst, AAG

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Board Manager requested that the Superior Propane discussion from the original agenda Item be moved up from item #7 to item #5.
Skip Waltz – Motion made to accept the amendment to the agenda
Second by: Greg Day
7 in Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained
Motion Carries

III. NOMINATION AND VOTE FOR 2026 BOARD CHAIR

David Foster – Motion made to nominate Mark Bossie as Board Chair
Second by - Skip Waltz
7 in Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained
Motion Carries

IV. MEETING MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

a) September 11, 2025

Skip Waltz – Motion made to accept the minutes as written
Seconded by: Skip Loren
7 in Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained
Motion Carries

V. SUPERIOR PROPANE DISCUSSION

Penny Vaillancourt, Director for the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation was in attendance to address with the board an increase of calls from consumers / customers to board staff primarily concerned with lack of response or action when reporting low or empty propane tanks during frigid temperatures. Other issue involves licensees and Fuel Companies asking board staff & board inspectors guidance/permission on how to handle inquiries where Superior Customers are asking other Companies to fill up their tanks. Based on Maine statute, Title 10 §1658-A this would be considered unlawful use of containers and Jeffrey Stanton Vice President of Operations from Superior Plus Propane was in attendance to today's meeting to answer any questions from board members. Mr. Stanton provided the board and the public with systems that were put into place to handle the high volume of calls. Mr. Stanton also provided the Fuel Inspectors with a list of Manager/Supervisors names across the State that are available to call directly with a question or concern. Mark Anderson – Motion made to form a working group to address challenging situations during future heating season.

Second by: Skip Waltz

7 in Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

VI. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS:

a) 2025-FUE-20949

David Foster - Motion made to dismiss the complaint based on no violation of the board's Rules or Laws.

Second by: Skip Waltz

Votes In Favor:

David Foster

Loren Gordon

Mark Anderson

Paul McClay

Skip Waltz

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion Carries

b) 2025-FUE-20988

Loren Gordon – Motion made to set the matter for a hearing, offer a Consent agreement, Issue a warning, Civil Penalty of \$750.00 for failure to comply with order of correction from State Inspector, and \$3,000 for code Violations; 10 code violations identified - \$300.00 per code violation. This represents an aggregate civil penalty of \$3,750.00, to be paid within 90 days of a fully signed consent agreement.

Second by: David Foster

Votes In Favor:

David Foster

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Mark Anderson

Paul McClay

Maynard (Skip) Waltz

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained
Motion carries

c) 2025-FUE-20986

David Foster – Motion made to set the matter for a hearing, offer a consent agreement, issue a Suspension for 90 days upon fully executed Consent Agreement. Civil Penalty of \$1,200.00 for code violations; 4 code violations identified - \$300.00 per code violation to be paid within 90 days of fully executed Consent Agreement.

Second by: Paul McClay

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

Lauren Gordan – Motion made to reduce the number of Suspension days from 90 days to 30 days upon providing board proof of completed PEP Delivery Technician Program.

Second by: David Foster

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

d) 2025-FUE-20987

Greg Day – Motion made to set the matter for a hearing, offer a consent agreement, issue a warning, Civil Penalty of \$750.00 for failure to comply with order of corrections from State Inspector, and \$3,600 for code violations; 12 code violations identified - \$300.00 per code violation. This represents an aggregate civil penalty of \$4,350.00, to be paid within 90 days of a fully signed consent agreement.

Second by: David Foster

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

e) 2025-FUE-20948

David Foster – Motion made to dismiss the complaint based on no violation of the board's Rules or Laws.

Second by: Loren Gordon

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

f) 2025-FUE-20950

David Foster – Motion made to dismiss the complaint based on no violation of the board's Rules or Laws.

Second by: Skip Waltz

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

V. CONSENT AGREEMENT PRESENTATION

a) 2024-FUE-20070

David Foster – Motion made to approve the licensee request and remove #7 from the initial consent agreement presented to the board; *Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003 (5-A)(A)(1), for fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in obtaining a license from the Fuel Boar, by falsely stating he supervised Mr. Flood while Mr. Flood worked as a licensed apprentice then licensed Journeyman oil burner technician.*

Second by: Skip Waltz

Votes in Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Anderson

Loren Gordon

Greg Day

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip Waltz)

7 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

VI. LICENSE APPLICATION PRESENTATION

a) Brandy Kimball, Renewal OEA30021837 & PEA15602

David Foster – Motion made to offer a Consent Agreement with a \$100.00 civil penalty for failure to report a conviction to the board within 10 days of the conviction. License will be issued once fully signed consent agreement is returned and civil penalty is paid.

Second by: Greg Day

Votes In Favor:

Loren Gordon

Paul McClay

Mark Bossie

Greg Day

Maynard (Skip) Waltz

Opposed:

David Foster

5 in favor / 1 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

b) Glen Wilson, PNT

David Foster – Motion made to grant the Propane and Natural Gas license

Second by: Greg Day

Votes In Favor:

David Foster

Paul McClay

Mark Bossie

Greg Day

Maynard (Skip) Waltz

Opposed:

Loren Gordon

5 in favor / 1 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Gary Haines, PGANE: Explain the CETP to PEP TRANSITION AND TIMELINE

VIII. PROPANE & NATURAL GAS TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM APPROVAL

a) Southern Maine Community College – Workforce Development

Attended Board Meeting on Zoom – Jay Reny & Marti Cox

Skip Waltz – Motion made to approve the Appliance Connection and Service Technician Curriculum as a one (1) year program. Board requested that class hours be listed separately from lab hours and total given on the certificate.

Second by: David Foster

Votes In Favor:

Loren Gordon

Paul McClay

Mark Bossie

Maynard (Skip) Waltz

David Foster

5 in favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

Motion carries

IX. REPORT MADE BY STATE FUEL INSPECTOR

X. REPORT MADE BY BOARD MANAGER

XI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Public Member in attendance, Roger Mitchell. Introduced himself to the board and stated he has developed an Appliance Connection and Service Program that he will be presenting to the board at the next meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted to adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

David Foster - Motion made to adjourn today's meeting

Seconded by: Skip Waltz

5 in Favor / 0 Opposed

Motion carried