

Bates Technical College

Steam Certification Board

Quarterly Advisory Meeting

Friday, August 13, 2021

10:05 a.m.-10:51 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present

Christopher Jackson

Dr. Graham Malek

Heath Robinette

Joel Rasmussen, Municipal Liaison

Christian Dube, Alternate

Jim Wrenn, Alternate

Also Present

Scott Best

Dale Trombley

Samuel Cureton

Amelia Fortuno

Marcus Harvey

Cameron LaFreniere

Yifan Sun

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Call to Order

Heath Robinette, Vice Chair, designated the alternates present to serve in the absence of board members, to establish a quorum, then called the meeting to order.

Approval of Board Minutes

Moved, seconded, and carried: *unanimous decision to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2021 meeting as written.*

Boiler Test Report

Samuel Cureton presented the boiler test report for May-July 2021. One person passed the Class II Operating Engineer and two people passed the Class III Operating Engineer written exam. The person who passed the Class III exam in July had to reschedule their oral board examination to later this month. A couple of the people that passed had experience from the U.S. Navy.

Moved, seconded, and carried: *unanimous decision to accept the quarterly boiler test report as written.*

Old Business

Board Member Vacancy (Legal Representative)

Christian Dube knew someone that was interested, but that person got another job and is no longer available.

Discussion of the requirements for the position ensued. Scott Best suggested looking for someone familiar with the construction trade in the Puget Sound area.

Action Item	Tasked	Due Date
Follow-up with Bob Battles to see if he is interested in returning as a board member.	Amelia Fortuno	November 12, 2021

New Business

Obtaining Boiler Experience

Dale Trombley asked for suggestions on how someone with a Class IV Boiler Fireman certification can obtain the required operating experience, through volunteering, to meet the eligibility to test for the Class III Operating Engineer.

Samuel Cureton mentioned that he is in the process of trying to start a volunteer program. He will share more information when it is set up. Christopher Jackson mentioned looking at companies like WestRock, NW Boiler and Reitmeier Mechanical.

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Joel Rasmussen mentioned he is monitoring the Washington State Energy Code regarding floor radiant systems, which use bigger water heaters. Depending on changes to the code certification may be required, not necessarily monitoring.

Yifan Sun, the new dean over the boiler certification program, gave a brief introduction and mentioned the other departments she oversees. Prior to Bates, she worked at Shoreline Community College as the International Education Manager.

Additional Bates updates from Amelia Fortuno:

- Less than 100 boiler operators still need to renew their certificate
 - Certificates are in the 45-day grace period, which ends on September 15
- ctLink (project to get all Washington community and technical colleges on PeopleSoft)
 - Deployment Group 6 has been broken into three groups
 - Bates will be in the third/last group which goes live on May 9, 2022
- Revised boiler exam application form
 - Plans are to implement in January 2022

Future Meeting Dates

- November 12, 2021
- February 11, 2022
- May 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Amelia Fortuno