

**Board of Boiler Rules Meeting Minutes**  
**May 24, 2023**  
**Department of Labor & Industries, Virtual Meeting**

**Board Members:**

Tim Barker, Chair  
Terry Chapin  
Lisa Hawkins  
Stephanie Gross  
Mike Carlson, Secretary

**Other Attendees:**

Jamie Brown, State of Washington  
Alicia Curry, State of Washington\*\*  
Matthew Erlich, State of Washington\*\*  
Meagan Edwards, State of Washington  
Patrick Jennings, Hartford Steam Boiler\*\*  
Jyle Meyhoff, Marathon Petroleum\*

- \* Attended Study Session only
- \*\* Attended Board Meeting only
- \*\*\* Attended Public Hearing only

The Board of Boiler Rules study session was held from 9:58 a.m. to 10:54 a.m. Discussion summaries are incorporated in the meeting minutes.

The Board of Boiler Rules meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 pm. Board member Steve Pacheco was not in attendance for study session or board meeting.

**Agenda Item 1.**

Terry motioned to approve agenda. Lisa seconded. All voted aye, motion carried. Agenda approved.

**Agenda Item 2.**

It was called to attention that the February meeting minutes did not clarify whether the board members voted on the revision request for WAC 296-104-260. After consulting notes from the meeting, it was confirmed that the board members did vote on, and approve of, the requested revision. The February meeting minutes were updated with the correct verbiage after the study session and before the board meeting and copies were sent to board members via email. Stephanie motioned to approve the revised minutes, Terry seconded. All voted aye, motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item 3**

**WAC 296-104-520 – Repairs – What are the requirements for repair of nonnuclear safety devices?**

This was presented by Mike Carlson. Tim asked Mike what drove this request? Mike is trying to update WAC to reflect current language. The biggest driver on this is that the way it is currently

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written, it references something in the NBIC that is no longer referenced. No one is doing this, and it is actually an in-service activity, not a repair activity so to him it shouldn't be included in this WAC. This is referenced in WAC 102 already to cover in-service requirements. After much discussion regarding what constitutes a "repair" vs an "adjustment", the department agreed to rescind this request and resubmit at a future date with further clarification and/or different wording.

**Department Notes:**

RCW 70.79.120 – Department is having an issue trying to hire inspectors who are qualified. The NB has a point system that uses education and experience to be able to sit for the test and become a commissioned inspector. This RCW has a limitation that Mike wants to make sure is not affecting potential applicants, etc. It's in the beginning stages, but just wanted to let the board know the department is looking at it to meet the NB standards to become a commissioned inspector. Mike does not know if it'll pass legislature or even through the agency at this point.

The department will be starting the process for a fee increase to take effect next year. Will be adding the approved WAC revisions for the CR-101 process to have them all take effect.

State exam discussion – Each board member has received a set of questions from the existing exam. Confirm questions are correct to current rules and if not, update/change to reflect current code.

No word from the governor's office yet on board member approval. Mike will follow up. Possibly send something out on LNI Listserv to boiler information recipients and/or post information on LNI Boiler webpage.

**Inspections completed February 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023, for 131 commissioned inspectors:**

289 Internal boiler inspections  
+ 2,160 External boiler inspections  
+ 14,667 Pressure vessel inspections  
= 17,116 Total inspections

**New objects:**

278 Boilers  
+ 1,689 Pressure Vessels  
= 1,967 New objects

799 permits issued.

Current total of objects is 116,889 & 28,335 locations.

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Statewide overdue rate is 10.7%, with about 12,488 objects (60 days or more overdue) without a valid certificate.

**Violations:**

There were 519 violations opened, 375 violations closed.

289 boiler and 967 pressure vessels with open violations for a total of 1,256.

2 red tag violations opened.

Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded. All voted aye, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.