

**Board of Boiler Rules Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2025**  
**Department of Labor & Industries, Hybrid Meeting**

**Board Members:**

Tim Barker, Chair  
Keith Black, Boiler Operators  
Michael Kipper, Manufacturers  
John Pittman, Professional Engineers  
Stephanie Gross, Owner/Users  
Michael Carlson, Secretary

**Other Attendees:**

Alicia Curry, State of Washington  
Meagan Edwards, State of Washington  
Don Sage, State of Washington  
Jason Stedman, State of Washington  
Andrew Worline, State of Washington  
Pamela Nelson, Capitol Pacific Reporting\*\*\*  
Jon Choitz, HSB\*  
Ryan Ray, PCA  
Jerry, Port of Tacoma\*\*

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

The Board of Boiler Rules meeting began at 10:05 a.m. Discussion summaries are incorporated in the meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of Agenda**

Tim Barker called to review the agenda. It was previously reviewed in the study session the day prior. No objections to the agenda.

Tim called a motion to approve agenda.

John Pittman motioned to approve. Keith Black seconded the motion to approve.

Tim Barker called for a vote. All board members voted “aye.” Agenda approved.

**Agenda Item 2 – Review and approve minutes from November 20, 2024 meeting**

Board has reviewed minutes prior to the meeting. There was an editorial change made in the study session the day prior.

Tim calls to approve.

Stephanie motions to approve minutes. Keith Black seconds the motion to approve.

Tim Barker asked for any additional comments. None stated.

Tim Barker calls for a vote to approve the November 20, 2024 minutes.

All board members voted “aye.”

Minutes are approved.

### **Agenda Item 3**

Recess called to board meeting at 10:13 am.

### **Public Hearing**

Start of Public Hearing at 10:20 am.

The proposed rules include:

- WAC 296-104-010, Administration – What are the definitions of terms used in this Chapter?
- WAC 296-104-700, What are the Fees and Expenses

Called to order at 10:20 am by Tim Barker, Chair and serving as a representative of Insurance companies. He is also serving as the Hearing Officer.

Introductions are made. Pamela Nelson is the court reporter from Capitol Pacific Reporting.

Tim Barker provided summary of proposed rules.

The rulemaking proposes amendments to the Boiler rules under chapter 296-104 of the WAC.

- The amendments affect the definitions and fees for boilers and pressure vessels.
- The proposed amendments modify the definition of pool heaters to clarify that pool heaters without shut off valves on the discharge side are considered open to atmosphere and therefore exempt from inspection requirements.
- An increase in fees for inspections and other boiler and pressure vessel program services by 6.41% in fiscal year 2026.

The amendments are needed to ensure the inspection requirements for pool heaters are clear and that fees will support the boiler program's operating expenses.

The Department evaluated the potential economic impact of the proposed rule on small business and the cost of rule versus its benefits.

- It was determined that neither a small business economic impact statement nor a cost benefit analysis was required.
- This information is available on the CR102 proposed rulemaking form.

No attendees from the public present to attend. Brief recess is called to allow opportunity for other

members to join.

Return to public hearing at 10:35 am. No attendees testify. Public Hearing adjourned at 10:36 am.

Board meeting called back to order at 10:37 am.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Authorize CR-103 to proposed rule changes**

Tim Barker to entertain a motion to approve the CR-103.

Mike Kipper motions to approve. Stephanie Gross seconds the motion to approve.

No additional comments or questions.

Tim Barker calls for a vote. All board members vote “aye.” Motion passes to authorize CR-103.

#### **Agenda Item 5 - Review Extension of Inspection Frequency for DA1 Dearator Storage Tank**

Tim Barker calls for representative from PCA to testify.

Ryan Ray from PCA identifies as representative.

The Request was discussed in the study session.

Ryan Ray provides summary of request.

PCA requests a six-month extension due to a short outage in April.

- Unable to take both DAs out of service and get them back up for the mills running.
- Plan to take number 2DA out of service for inspection this year.
- Number 1DA to be inspected end of April/first of May in 2026.

Request includes the storage tank and the DA heater.

PCA provided non-destructive examination results from May 2021 and April 2023.

- Corrosion rates indicate no concerns.

Tim Barker calls for a motion to approve the extension.

Keith Black motions to approve.

John Pittman Seconds the motion.

Tim Barker calls for a vote to approve. He also is abstaining from the vote as PCA is a client of his.

All board members vote “aye.”

Motion passes.

#### **Department notes**

Mike Carlson presented quarterly boiler program inspection information to the board.

Inspections completed from November 1, 2024- January 31, 2025

The following information is regarding current workload and overdue inspections in the Boiler program. Data collected 2/3/2025. Currently, there are:

**142** State Commissioned Inspectors

Inspections in the last quarter- November 1, 2024- January 31, 2025

**171** Internal boiler inspections. (406)

**2,004** External boiler inspections. (2,051)

**11,740** Pressure vessel inspections. (12,188)

Total inspections =. **13,915** (14,646)

The Statewide overdue rate average is **7.9%** (9.8%) with **9,102** (11,462) (60 days or more overdue) without a valid certificate.

**5,233** new objects have been added in 2024.

Current total of objects is **116,692** (116,718)

There were **581** violations opened, **133** were closed last quarter. (581,190)

Currently there are **345**-boiler, and **1,077**-pressure vessel violations open which totals **1,422**. (346, 1,053, 1,392)

One red tag violation opened last quarter. **1** (1)- pinhole leak on Air receiver.

Mike Carlson stated that he will help out and that anyone can go into the Governor's board to submit an application.

The next Board meeting will be May 7, 2025.

Tim Barker Motions to adjourn the meeting. Mike Kipper motions to adjourn the meeting. Keith Black seconded the motion.

Tim called for a vote.

All board members voted "Aye."

February 5, 2025 session of the Board of Boiler Rules meeting is adjourned.