

**Board of Boiler Rules Meeting Minutes**  
**One Day Meeting – November 17, 2021**  
**Department of Labor & Industries, Virtual Meeting**

**Board Members:**

Terry Chapin, Chair  
Lisa Hawkins  
Stephanie Gross  
Steve Pacheco  
Mike Carlson, Secretary

**Other Attendees:**

Mike Low, State of Washington  
Jamie Brown, State of Washington  
Don Sage, State of Washington  
Alicia Curry, State of Washington  
Matthew Erlich, State of Washington  
Patrick Smith, Ferndale Refinery  
Jon Choitz, Harford Steam Boiler

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

This was a one-day study session & meeting, held on November 17, 2021. Board member Tim Barker was not in attendance for this meeting.

The Board of Boiler Rules meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:00 am.

**Agenda Item 1.**

Terry brought up the department note regarding him serving as chairman until a replacement has been found. Wants it noted that the board can vote a new chairperson at anytime and what the board really needs is a new board member, and then they can vote a new chairperson. Lisa motioned to approve agenda, with correction that Terry Chapin will continue to serve as chairman until new board member for boilermakers is elected and new chair is elected. Steve seconded, all voted aye. Agenda approved.

**Agenda Item 2.**

Steve motioned to approve minutes as written. Stephanie seconded. Lisa abstained because she wasn't in attendance at August meeting. Terry voted aye, motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item 3**

**WAC 296-104-102 – What are the standards for in-service inspection?**

This was presented by Mike Carlson. The department is proposing a revision to remove supplement 3 as a non-mandatory guideline. This is mostly a housekeeping issue, and are updating to align with the NBIC. Lisa asked if the language was put anywhere else, and Mike confirmed that no, it was phased out as it is not relevant anymore and the VR companies should be doing it. Steve motioned to approve, Lisa and Stephanie both seconded. All voted aye, motion approved.

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**Agenda Item 4**

**Authorize filing of CR-102 for fee increase**

The board authorized filing of the CR-101 at the August 2021 meeting. The CR-102 is the proposed rule language and the specific fee increase/changes that are being proposed. It also starts the official public comment period. A public hearing will be held in February at the board meeting. If the board authorizes adoption of the fees, they will take effect in July 2022 to align with new fiscal year. Alicia Curry asked the board if holding the public hearing at 10:30am in February would be feasible instead of 10:15, as she has a conflict with another program. The board members all agreed that 10:30am was acceptable, with the board meeting itself starting at 10:00am. Rulemaking documents and schedule are on the LNI website on the Boiler program's rule development webpage. There were no comments from present stakeholders at the meeting. Lisa motioned to approve, Steve seconded. All voted aye, motion carries.

**Department Notes:**

The previously filed CR-105 is complete and all the updated fees are corrected that contained a typo.

Reminder that a new board member for Boilermakers needs to be appointed, and the board can elect a new chairperson. Terry will continue to serve until a new member has been appointed and new chairperson elected.

A new law book will be coming in 2022 and will be available online.

Don Sage has been named the new Technical Specialist for the Boiler program.

Mike Low has been named the new temporary Inspector Supervisor for the Boiler program.

Program has multiple open inspector positions.

Alicia introduced Kimmie Stringfellow at the August meeting as who would be taking over some Boiler rulemaking duties but Kimmie took a position with another agency and is no longer with LNI.

The Boiler program's 70 year anniversary is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1952. H.D. Norris was the original chairperson and Matt Fogerty was the first chief. This is the 298<sup>th</sup> meeting for Boilers. Since 2002, there have been 380 commissioned inspectors. There are currently 127 commissioned inspectors.

Mike Carlson provided quarterly program reports.

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**Inspections completed August 1 – October 31, 2021, for 127 commissioned inspectors:**

456 Internal boiler inspections  
+ 1,687 External boiler inspections  
+ 9,894 Pressure vessel inspections  
= 12,037 Total inspections

**New objects:**

595 Boilers  
+ 3,779 Pressure Vessels  
= 4,374 New objects

Current total of objects is 116,735.

Statewide overdue rate is 10.6%, with about 12,384 objects (60 days or more overdue) without a valid certificate.

**Violations:**

There were 300 violations opened, 97 violations closed.

224 boiler and 957 pressure vessels with open violations for a total of 1,181.

0 red tag violations opened.

Steve motioned to adjourn meeting, Lisa seconded. All voted aye, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:29am.