Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

Chairman Waskowicz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Board Members Present:

David J. Waskowicz Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson

Shaun Martin Unlimited Contractor

Anthony Moscato Public Member

Kevin Wypychoski Unlimited Contractor
Wayne Roderick Unlimited Journeyperson

Kevin Griffith State Fire Marshal

Board Members Not Present:

Board Vacancies: (2) Public Member(s)

(1) Local Fire Marshal

DCP Staff Present

John Mesner, Occupational Trades Manager Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator Pamela Brown, Director of Investigations Colleen Lucey, Visual Media Specialist

Public Present

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Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the May 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
 - Board Member Wypychoski made a motion to approve. Board Member Roderick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

- Review of the complaint status report
 - o 05.01.2025 to 06.30.2025

Open: 2Closed: 4

AVC Fines: \$3,500

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

 Chairman Waskowicz requested that the settlement report review be added to the next meeting agenda

OLD BUSINESS

- Backflow Discussion
 - No updates were discussed in today's meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Ratio Relief Discussion
 - Discussion on recent legislation transferring hiring ratio relief authority from DOL to DCP.
 - Applies to Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Fire Protection boards.
 - Key Points:
 - Statutory hiring ratios remain unchanged.
 - Contractors seeking 8 or fewer apprentices will apply through DCP; DOL will verify program compliance.
 - Requests for more than 8 apprentices will require board review and approval.
 - Boards must establish policies by February 1, 2026.

Concerns Raised:

- Potential misuse of licenses from non-field personnel (e.g., project managers) to justify additional apprentices.
- Importance of ensuring apprentices receive proper supervision and training.
- Risk of apprentices being used as inexpensive labor without adequate oversight.

Suggestions Discussed Today:

- Require contractors to list licensees and their roles (e.g., field vs. office).
- Monitor contractor compliance and revoke relief if violations occur.

Next Steps:

• Schedule a meeting to develop a policy and consider a joint meeting with other boards for consistency across the trades.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Moscato made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Wypychoski seconded the motion. Chairman Waskowicz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Rachelle Hyburg Board Coordinator

2025 Meeting Schedule

December 04 - In-Person