

*PAC mandate is:*

- *To determine the qualifications and experience required for certification in the designated trades;*
- *To recommend upgrading standards and the endorsement of qualification for people who meet the required standards; and input into the content of regulations made or proposed to the trades.*

## STEAMFITTER-PIPEFITTER

### RECORD OF DECISIONS

MAY 14, 2020

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

111 LOMBARD AVE.

#### PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| NAME            | STATUS                | VOTING STATUS |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Furlong, Tim    | Chair                 | Non-voting    |
| Allan, Lawrence | Vice-Chair / Employer | Voting        |
| Lachuta, Adam   | Employee              | Voting        |

#### ABSENT/REGRETS

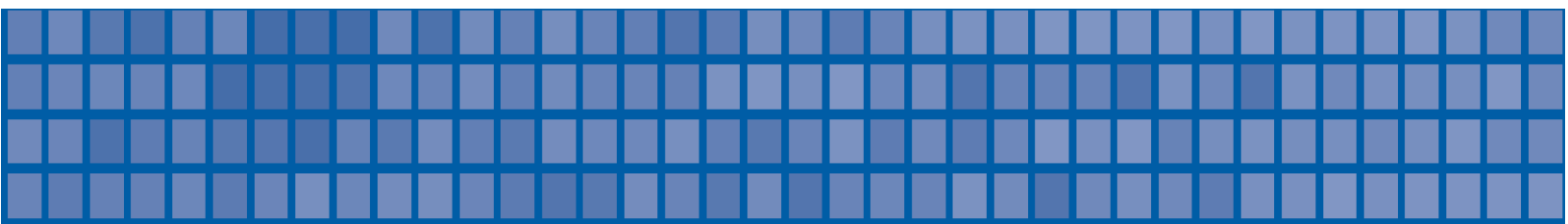
| NAME            | STATUS           | VOTING STATUS |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Gratton, Leo    | Regrets Employer | Voting        |
| Goodman, Jaycen | Regrets Employee | Voting        |

#### GUESTS

#### STAFF

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| McCutcheon, David | Executive Director                                  |
| May, Vanessa      | A/Manager, Policy, Legislation and Board Operations |
| Peters, Janice    | Apprenticeship and Certification Board Coordinator  |

*PAC suggestions and inquiries can be submitted to [apprenticeshipboard@gov.mb.ca](mailto:apprenticeshipboard@gov.mb.ca)*



## 1. CURRENT STANDING ITEMS

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

*Motion 2020.05.01*

*Closed.*

*To approve the agenda as written.*

*M: Adam Lachuta*

*S: Lawrence Allan*

*Carried.*

1.3 Acceptance of the Record of Decisions

*Motion 2020.05.02*

*Closed.*

*To accept the March 13, 2019 Record of Decisions as written.*

*M: Adam Lachuta*

*S: Lawrence Allan*

*Carried.*

## 2. PROGRAM STANDARDS

2.1 Steamfitter-Pipefitter Technical Training and Gasfitter Level Two Discussion

**Closed.**

The Steamfitter-Pipefitter Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) invited the Executive Director of Apprenticeship Manitoba to the PAC meeting to discuss the removal of the Gasfitter B level 2 from the effected piping trades (Plumber, Refrigeration Air-Conditioning Mechanic, and Steamfitter-Pipefitter).

In 2011, the Apprenticeship and Certification Board (Board) implemented Domestic Gasfitter B training into the Plumber, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Mechanic, and Steamfitter-Pipefitter trades. The Board made it mandatory for apprentices in the effected trades to successfully obtain Domestic Gasfitter B certification before they are able to receive certification in their respective trade (i.e., Plumber, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Mechanic, and Steamfitter-Pipefitter).

In 2019, the Board determined that the current requirements posed as a barrier to apprentices. As such, the Board made a motion to remove the requirement to complete Domestic Gasfitter B **level two training and certification** from the fifth level of the affected trades.

The Steamfitter-Pipefitter PAC:

- Advised that in 2010, PAC consulted with industry to include Domestic Gasfitter B as the Steamfitter-Pipefitter fifth level requirement.
- Raised concerns that industry would lose Gasfitter A apprentices, as many would not progress to obtain their Gasfitter A certificate of qualification.
- Felt that the ratios would be effected by the removal of the Gasfitter B level two from the Steamfitter-Pipefitter technical training standards.
- Questioned how the ratio provision that is prescribed in the Apprenticeship and Certification – General Regulation will effect the proposed changes.
- Questioned if any of the other jurisdictions do not recognize Gasfitter as a Red Seal trade.
- Stated that the PAC was not consulted on the Board’s decision to remove the Gasfitter B level two from the final years of the piping trades.
- Affirmed that the PAC, related associations and a few stakeholders were not in favour of the removal of Gasfitter B level two from the effected piping trades.

The Executive Director informed the PAC that:

- The PAC received notification regarding the matter on April 17, 2019.
- The committee members were also included in the piping trade consultation that was distributed to various stakeholders on April 18, 2019.
- Two thirds of the respondents (295 stakeholders completed the survey) were in favour of the Board’s recommendation.
- The survey was sent to apprentices, associations, colleges, employers, journeypersons, and unions affiliated to the piping trades, who may be effected by the recommendation.
- The fifth level Gasfitter B level two requirement has been in effect for the last ten years.
- The Board recognized that the Domestic Gasfitter B requirement was a barrier to apprentices who are unable to receive their respective certificate of qualification until they completed and obtained their Domestic Gasfitter B certificate of qualification.
- In 2015, the trade of Gasfitter was designated as a Red Seal trade by the Canadian Council of Apprenticeship Directors.
- Ontario and Quebec do not recognize Gasfitter as a Red Seal trade due to the training structure within the two respective jurisdictions.
  - However, the other jurisdictions recognize Gasfitter as a Red Seal trade.
  - Apprentice mobility is possible due to harmonization.
- Gasfitter A currently has low registration.
- The effect of the ratios is to be determined by industry.
- No other jurisdiction requires an apprentice to complete a second trade to obtain his/her certification in the first apprenticed trade.

Branch staff re-affirmed that the Board approved in principle, the trade regulation to reflect the removal of Gasfitter level two from the final levels of the effected trades. As part of the regulatory process, the Steamfitter-Pipefitter trade regulation is currently being reviewed by the Regulatory Accountability Secretariat.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 No update.

**Closed.**

### 4. FUTURE BUSINESS

4.1 Next Meeting: to be determined.

Future Agenda Items:

- Approve the May 14, 2020 Record of Decisions

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The committee adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.