



THE NATIONAL BOARD  
OF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTORS

# NATIONAL BOARD INSPECTION CODE FRP TASK GROUP

## MINUTES

---

Meeting of October 13th, 2025  
Virtual via MS Teams

*These minutes are subject to approval and are for committee use only. They are not to be duplicated or quoted for other than committee use.*

The National Board of Boiler & Pressure Vessel Inspectors  
1055 Crupper Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43229-1183  
Phone: (614)888-8320  
FAX: (614)847-1828

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

## 2. Introduction of Members and Visitors

Bernie, Debra, Doug, John, Norm, Brian, Allen, me, Gerald lambique (sp?), Matt?, Avery?

The following members were in attendance for the meeting:

- Ms. Debra McCauley, Chair
- Mr. Jonathan Ellis, Secretary
- Mr. Doug Eisberg
- Mr. John Eihusen
- Mr. Norman Newhouse
- Mr. Brian Linneman
- Mr. Allen Beckwith
- Mr. Bernie Shelley

Matt McCoy and Avery Boyer were in attendance as visitors.

Ms. McCauley announced that Terry Cowley is stepping down as a member of the group, and that Jess Richter may no longer be attending these meetings.

## 3. Announcements

There were no major announcements for this meeting.

## 4. Adoption of the Agenda

Before adopting the agenda, Ms. McCauley added a discussion item regarding the meeting schedule for this group. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adopt the amended agenda.

## 5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 2025 Meeting

The minutes can be found on the National Board website:

<https://www.nationalboard.org/Index.aspx?pageID=13&ID=18>

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the April 2025 meeting.

## 6. Review of Rosters

### a. Membership Nominations

- i. The group nominated Avery Boyer and Matt McCoy to become members of the task group. Their resumes will need to be submitted to Mr. Ellis, and their nominations will be voted on during the January 2026 NBIC Committee meeting.

### b. Membership Reappointments

- i. The following members' terms are set to expire in January 2026: Mr. Allen Beckwith, Mr. John Eihusen, and Mr. Brian Linnemann. The aforementioned members confirmed their desire to be reappointed.

### c. Officer nominations

- i. None.

## 7. Action Items

<b>Item Number: NB16-1402</b>	<b>NBIC Location: Part 2</b>	<b>No Attachment</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Life extension for high pressure vessels above 20 years		
<b>Subgroup:</b> FRP		
<b>Task Group:</b> M. Gorman (PM), N. Newhouse, J. Eihusen		
<b>October 2025 Meeting Action:</b> It was reported that the proposal was being balloted to Subcommittee Inspection.		

## 8. Additional Business

Follow-up items from October 2025 meeting:

- Part 3, S4.16.4 a) 2) – Discussion was held on routine repairs versus normal repairs. Mr. Beckwith stated that he felt 100sq. in. is small, even for routine repairs. Mr. Shelley stated that RTP-1 sets a percentage of surface area as limit for routine repairs.
  - Using a percentage of the surface area was an agreeable solution to the group. In discussing which percentage to use, the group settled on using 100 sq. in. or 3% of the surface area, whichever is greater. This would be limited to the corrosion barrier. Mr. Shelley and Mr. Beckwith will work on a proposal now that a direction has been made clear.
- During discussion regarding repairs and alterations to RTP-1 vessels, it was pointed out that a change could be made to Part 3, S4.18.2.5 b) to require pressure test in accordance with the original code of construction.
  - Mr. Beckwith should have an update by the next meeting.
- Fiberglass Storage Tank Inspection Procedures (from FRPI)
  - Mr. Eisberg announced that several testing scenarios are coming up to compare with the results of UT Comp methods. Mr. Eisberg is working with the Australian government to evaluate water treatment vessels for determining life cycle.
- API-579-1/ASME FFS-1
  - Ms. McCauley stated that the group should continue to monitor progress for this standard, as things are moving quickly.
- FRP Task Group Meetings
  - Because Section X meetings are starting to take up most of the day, should the group consider meeting separately to make it easier to attend? The group decided to try meeting virtually a week or so ahead of the Section X meeting and then use any spare in-person time in case additional business needs to be addressed. The group will also consider the feasibility of meeting during one of the two annual NBIC Committee meetings.

## 9. Future Meetings

January 11-15, 2026 – New Orleans, LA

April 2026 – NBIC FRP Task Group Meeting

**10. Adjournment**

Ms. McCauley adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m. Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Ellis  
Secretary