

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson John DeRosa on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:06 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present: John R. DeRosa, Jr., Elevator Craftsman,
Acting Chairperson
Michael Griffin, Elevator Craftsman
Paul Farnsworth, Unlimited Contractor
Peter Kalousdian, Unlimited Contractor
Dale Clayton, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas J. O'Reilly, Unlimited Contractor
Todd Johnston, Public Member

Board Vacancies: Public Member

DCP Board Staff: Karen Layman, Secretary

Board Council Present: None

Others Present: Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division
Gil LaClair, IUEC Local 91
Clifford Bullock, Bullock Access

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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the February 15, 2018 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted to approve as written.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Attorney Julianne Avallone swore in Peter Kalousdian as a new member of the Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Elevator Codes

John DeRosa noted that the State has adopted new safety codes for elevators and escalators as of January 3, 2018. These codes are outlined in a letter from DAS dated January 12, 2018 regarding Safety Code Regulations for Elevators and Escalators. (“See Correspondence No. 1”)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PSI Exam Report – Exam dates 5/01/2017 to 02/16/2018

Board so noted.

2. Occupational Licensing Enforcement Report for Calendar Year 2017

Board so noted.

3. PSI Candidate Information Bulletin References

Board so noted.

4. Massachusetts Elevator Mechanic Application

The Board noted that, on this application, it is stated, “Written proof that you have completed at least 6,000 hours on the job training over a period of three years as an elevator constructor apprentice, under the direct and immediate field supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

John DeRosa stated that the Board has always been hesitant to approve Connecticut R-2 Unlimited Journeyman applications for those who have not completed their on the job training or apprenticeship in Connecticut under an R-1 Unlimited Contractor license holder, and R-1 Unlimited Contractor applications for those who have not held an R-2 Unlimited Journeyman license in Connecticut for two years. This is due to the Board's obligation to preserve public safety.

5. PSI Exam Review Information

Board so noted.

6. Elevator Reference codes 2018 adoption

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from DAS dated January 12, 2018 regarding Safety Code Regulations for Elevators and Escalators

(See "Old Business No. 1")

2. Firefighter's Emergency Operations Procedure and Inspection Requirement – ASME A17.1-2013 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

- **Email correspondence by DCP and DAS Elevator Inspection Unit**

The Board reviewed email correspondence containing questions about new requirements due to recently adopted safety codes, in particular, 8.6.11.1 Firefighters Emergency Operation procedures. John DeRosa provided an overview of this code and changes to procedures.

Discussion took place regarding the definition of "Authorized Personnel", as referenced in this code. John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth stated that, for the safety of the public, the work involved in the firefighters' emergency procedure is licensable work and should be performed by only those with an R-1 Unlimited Contractor license, or an R-2 under the employ of an R-1 Unlimited Contractor.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Board to review quarterly report when provided.

Janita Hamel appeared and provided a report including complaints from 01/01/2018 to 4/01/2018 for the Board's review.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. Clifford Bullock, Bullock Access

Clifford Bullock asked the following questions about the new safety code discussed today, 8.6.11.1 Firefighters Emergency Operation, and the requirement for a Fire Fighters Emergency Procedure Log to be on site and located in the elevator machine room:

1. Does the Firefighters Emergency Operation Code apply to equipment being installed now and going forward only, or anything that's serviced?

Paul Farnsworth stated that this code does not exclude existing elevators.

2. Does the Firefighters Emergency Operation Code encompass platform lifts?

Paul Farnsworth stated that platform lifts do not fall within the purview of this safety code.

2. Residential Stair Lift Technician License

The Board requested that the Department provide them with the regulations for the Residential Stair Lift License for the Board's review at the August 16, 2018 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

The next meeting of the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board will take place on August 16, 2018 at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.