

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by John DeRosa, Jr., Acting Chairperson on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: John R. DeRosa, Jr., Elevator Craftsman,
Acting Chairperson
Peter Kalousdian, Unlimited Contractor
Paul Farnsworth, Unlimited Contractor
Thomas O'Reilly, Unlimited Contractor
Todd Johnston, Public Member
Dale Clayton, Public Member

Members Absent: Michael Griffin, Elevator Craftsman

Board Vacancies: Public Member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and
Professional Licensing
Karen Layman, License & Application Analyst

Board Council Present: None

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
Clifford Bullock, Bullock Access

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For more information, refer to website: www.ct.gov/dcp. E-Mail: dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the September 24, 2020 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted to approve with one correction.

(Dale Clayton, Peter Kalousdian, and John DeRosa, Jr., abstained from voting)

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Clifford Bullock, Bullock Access, expressed his concerns regarding unlicensed individuals performing work without the proper R-6 or RSL license, and several Board Members concurred that they share the same concern.

Discussion took place regarding dumb waiters being installed in private residences, which could result in serious injury if the work is not properly performed. It was noted that the exception from licensing requirements for the homeowner doesn't include "Elevator Work" as defined. (See excerpt below)

Chapter 393 Sec. 20-340. Exemptions from licensing requirements for homeowner doesn't include "Elevator Work" as defined.

(11) persons engaged in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of glass or electrical, plumbing, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal equipment in and about single-family residences owned and occupied or to be occupied by such persons; provided any such installation, maintenance and repair shall be subject to inspection and approval by the building official of the municipality in which such residence is located and shall conform to the requirements of the State Building Code;

Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel provided an overview of the procedure that is followed when a formal complaint is received, and suggested that if a board member becomes aware of a violation, they should file a formal complaint and include as much evidence as possible, including the location and pictures, etcetera, to ensure that a proper investigation of the incident can be performed by the Department's Investigation Division.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report submitted by the Investigations Division dated 8-01-20 to 10-31-20. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance for review of this report and discussion regarding open and closed complaints.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Stair Lift Technician License Subcommittee

A subcommittee comprised of Board Members John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth has been formed to review current regulations and training requirements for the RSL license and make recommendation for proposed changes.

John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth will meet to further discuss this topic after today's meeting.

2. Letter from United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to Governor Ned Lamont dated August 6, 2019 regarding safety concerns associated with the installation of residential elevators as it pertains to this correspondence.

At the December 12, 2019 meeting, the Board reviewed this correspondence and voted unanimously to draft a letter to the Bureau of Elevators to request that they amend the regulations to reflect the 3/4 4 inch rule as it pertains to residential elevators. At the March 12, 2020 meeting, John DeRosa informed the Board that this letter had not been sent out yet, and it was determined that Board Members Paul Farnsworth and Dale Clayton will assist John DeRosa in drafting this letter.

John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth will meet to further discuss this topic after today's meeting.

3. Raised Bill No. 269 – An Act Concerning Certification of Independent Inspectors and Inspection Firms To Perform Elevator, Escalator And State Building Code Inspections

At the March 12, 2020 meeting, the Board determined that if Raised Bill No. 269 is passed into law, the health, safety, and welfare of the general public will be jeopardized. The Board voted unanimously to notify the Department that this Board is opposed to the enactment of Raised Bill No. 269 and requested that DCP send notice to the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Board's opposition.

At the June 18, 2020 meeting, the Board requested that the Department follow up on this request. It was noted that the Department's Board staff will draft an email and forward the March 12, 2020 minutes and point out within the minutes this section of concern above to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. The email was sent on June 22, 2020 and Leslie O'Brien responded on June 29, 2020.

John DeRosa referred to the June 29, 2020 email from Leslie O'Brien and reiterated that, as the email states, the Board is free to express their concern regarding the language raised in this bill, however, DCP does not represent the Board and is not responsible for submitting testimony or expressing opinions on the Board's behalf.

4. Application Review Working Group

At the March 12, 2020 meeting, the Board requested that DCP allow them to have an Application Review Working Group as some of the other occupational licensing boards have.

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John DeRosa informed the Board that there had been a verbal agreement between this Board and the Department in 2016, at the same time that a Memorandum of Understanding was put into place between other occupational licensing boards, Department of Consumer Protection, and Department of Labor Apprenticeship Division. The verbal agreement between this Board and the Department ensured that this Board was to receive and review all applications that did not have an apprenticeship completion letter from the Department of Labor, and the Board did receive applications for review initially. John DeRosa stated that the Board is no longer receiving applications for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application report

The Board will review the application report including applicants approved from September 23, 2020 to present.

The Board voted unanimously to request that the Department provide a list of all applications approved from January 1, 2020 to present at the next scheduled Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 25

June 24

September 23

December 9