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**ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD**

Conference Room 3, Lower Level, Ottawa Building  
611 West Ottawa Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

**MINUTES**

July 22, 2016

9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. David Kuras, Chair  
Mr. Donald J. Purdie, Jr., Vice Chair  
Mr. Doug Datema  
Ms. Terri Flint  
Ms. U. Renee Hall  
Mr. Brett Karl  
Mr. Mike Nelson  
Mr. Mark A. Smith  
Mr. Michael Vandervennet  
Mr. John A. Vitale

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Ms. Lynn Weston, Office Supervisor, Elevator Safety Division, BCC  
Mr. Keith Lambert, Acting Director, BCC  
Ms. Marnie Wills, Deputy Director, Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs, LARA  
Ms. LeeAnn Allaire, Manager, Administrative Services Division, BCC  
Mr. Andrew McKeachie, Legal Intern, BCC

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Jeremia Filippis, A4 Access  
Mr. Tony Filippis, A4 Access  
Mr. George Snyder, BDI Building  
Mr. Norman Martin, Schindler Elevator  
Mr. Russell Peabody, The Peabody Group

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson Kuras called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. A quorum was determined present at that time.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Board member Flint and seconded by Board member Vitale to revise the agenda by moving number nine, Public Comment, to number 3A (after Approval of the Minutes). Acting Director Keith Lambert wanted it noted that public comment is *only* for public comment and not for Board members to engage in open discussion of issues before the board. Public comment may taint decisions made by the Board and could lead to the possibility of litigation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Board member Vitale and seconded by Board member Smith to approve the agenda as revised. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Board member Flint and seconded by Board member Smith to approve the minutes for the November 6, 2015, board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. David L. Flint noted that contractor bulletins sent out by the bureau are not being sent to all contractors. He would like an answer from LARA regarding this issue. He also commented that he had a conversation with a well driller for hydraulic elevators who had taken the elevator journeyman exam. This person is a well driller and doesn't have the background or experience required to sit for the elevator journeyman exam. Mr. Flint would like to know how this person was able to take the exam. Board member Flint was at a conference recently and was encouraged to find that other states are moving forward with stricter licensing requirements, which include the requirement of continuing education. She was disheartened to know that Michigan seems to be going in the opposite direction. Also discussed were the changes California is making in terms of safety with MRL's, and she commented that she would like to receive the board packet at least 2-3 weeks prior to the board meeting.
- Vice-Chair person Purdie, stated that the comments from the audience related to examinations were exactly what the Board had anticipated and were afraid of. Without the board properly interviewing examinees as determined by 1967 PA 227, which empowers the duties of this board, the scenario we potentially have is exactly what the board predicted.

4. **REVIEW OF WAIVER REQUESTS**

- a. A4 Access, BDI Building, 912 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Based on testimony and documentation supplied by the applicant and review and discussion by the Board, a **MOTION** was made by Board member Flint and seconded by Board member Hall to postpone the variance request from ASME 17.1-2010 Section 5.2.1.16.5, Maximum Rise, until the next Board meeting when the information requested by the Board can be provided. Specifically, that the applicant further explore the possibility of the installation of a passenger elevator with the possibility of a variance request for a reduced pit depth rather than the installation of a LU/LA. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Acting Director Lambert asked the Board what type of information they would like the bureau to report on during the legislative update.

6. **DIVISION REPORT**

- Chief's Report, Acting Director Lambert informed the Board that the newly created Administrative Services Division will be responsible to facilitate administrative duties related to all of the bureau's Boards and Commissions meetings as of August 1, 2016.
- Accident Report – None reported.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Active Elevator Company list was discussed and will be removed from the Elevator Safety Division website. A search for licensed contractors in the State of Michigan will be an option available in Accela.
- Board Chair person Kuras inquired about license renewal notices and asked Acting Director Lambert to look into issues with Board member terms.
- Board member Flint suggested that a communication regarding the renewals not being mailed out timely would have been beneficial to all concerned.
- Acting Director Lambert asked the Board if they would be willing to put together a task group to assist in recruitment and retention of qualified elevator inspectors and the compensation disparity between the industry and what the bureau can provide through Civil Service. Chairperson Kuras responded that the Board would be glad to assist.

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 16, 2016

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board member Smith and seconded by Board member Datema to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:45 am. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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