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ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
Ottawa Building, Upper Level Conference Room 3
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

APPROVED 12/12/2023

MINUTES
September 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Michael Janca, Chairperson
Dug Datema
Joshua Jacobs
Ricardo Knott
Keith Lambert
Nicholas Ottney
Steven Stark
Michael Vandervennet
John Whitten

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sean Walker, Vice Chairperson

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Alesha Gensler, Division Deputy Director, Licensing, Compliance, & Administration Div., BCC
Jon Paradine, Division Deputy Director, Inspections Division, BCC
Renee Tober, Departmental Specialist, Administration, BCC
Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administration, BCC
Becky Jones, Manager, Specialty Trades Section, BCC
Craig LaLonde, Code Inspection Supervisor, Elevator Section, BCC
Tracie Pack, Manager, Building Trades Section, BCC
Kelly Bean, Manager, Licensing and Compliance Section, BCC

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Janca called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Whitten and **SECONDED** by Board Member Vandervennet to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 20, 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Datema and **SECONDED** by Board Member Vandervennet to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. VARIANCE REQUEST

A. Duane Waters Health Center

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Daniel Kohler's variance request for Duane Waters Health Center located at Unit C, 3857 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49201 for relief from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1.1-2010, Sections 2.2.2.3 through 2.2.2.6.

Daniel Kohler, Hobbs & Black Architects, appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Stark and **SECONDED** by Board Member Datema to approve the variance request for Duane Waters Health Center with conditions that a float switch be added and the car to be able to move away from a lower level in case of a flood. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Lee Mansion

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Michael West's variance request for Lee Mansion located at 405 W. High Street, Dowagiac, MI to allow for recommissioning.

Michael West appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Whitten and **SECONDED** by Board Member Stark to postpone the variance request for Lee Mansion until legal guidance can be received from the Department of the Attorney General (DAG) to determine the board's jurisdiction for the unit since the State has no record of the unit to verify if it was ever decommissioned. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 1

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Brent Bauer's variance request for Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 1 located at 556 E. Circle Drive, #237, East Lansing, MI 48824 for relief from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1-2010, Section 2.2.2.5.

Brent Bauer, Elevator Service, appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Datema and **SECONDED** by Board Member Stark to approve the variance request for Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 1 with the recommendation that a float switch be added, the car to be able to move away from a lower level in case of flood, and then, be removed from service until the situation is corrected. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 2

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed Brent Bauer’s variance request for Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 2 located at 556 E. Circle Drive, #237, East Lansing, MI 48824 for relief from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1-2010, Section 2.2.2.5.

Brent Bauer, Elevator Service, appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Whitten and **SECONDED** by Board Member Datema to approve the variance request for Michigan State University, Student Services Building – Car 2 with the recommendation that a float switch be added, the car to be able to move away from a lower level in case of flood, and then, be removed from service until the situation is corrected. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. ThyssenKrupp

The Board acknowledged receipt and reviewed John Stockstill’s variance request for TK Elevator for relief from the requirements of the Michigan Elevator Rules, R408.7041.

John Stockstill and Neil Palazzolo, TK Elevator, appeared before and presented to the Board.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Vandervennet and **SECONDED** by Board Member Stark to deny the variance request for TK Elevator as submitted and maintain Rule 41 of the State Code removing machinery from the travel from the elevator. (Aye: Board Members Jacobs, Janca, Ottney, Stark, Vandervennet; Nay: None; Abstain: Datema, Knott, Lambert, Whitten) **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Member Vandervennet asked for follow-up of fire alarm discuss at the Board’s June meeting. Deputy Director Lambert stated the questions received were not timely enough for counsel to review, so responses will be on the next agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Deputy Director Lambert reported on the following:

Sheila Hartfield was promoted to the Building Section manager replacing Jon Paradine who is now the Bureau's Inspections Division Deputy Director.

The Bureau's Administrative Section Manager, Bryan Bryson, has accepted a new position outside LARA. Tracie Pack is the Section's interim manager, and she and Hillary Millen are handling the Bureau's Boards and Commissions.

Tony Snyder has taken another state position and no longer able to provide internal legal assistance to the bureau.

Deputy Director Lambert gave an update on A17.3 regarding statements that the bureau mandated the rules that added cost to building owners which is not the case.

Eric Pierson has been promoted to a Code Inspection Supervisor (CIS) 13 for the Elevator Section and a second CIS 13 will also be hired soon.

Craig LaLonde was asked to provide an update on the hiring of inspector which is up to 26 and the bureau will be providing information soon regarding an apprenticeship program.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brent Bauer asked if elevator inspector contact information can be updated, and Becky Jones informed him the information is posted on the Bureau's website.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Commission is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933 in Upper Level Conference Room 3 on December 12, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Whitten and **SECONDED** by Board Member Datema to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**