

State of Connecticut Board for Crane Operators  
Minutes of the April 6, 2016, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John, Chairman; Nate Brown; Keith Murphy; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David Doherty, Cianbro; David D'Ostilio, Local 478; Linda Spring, OSFM; Chris Syrek, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc; John Cavatorta, Middlesex Corp.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2016, meeting – approved and seconded.

3. Old Business:

A. Agreements: None. The State Crane Inspector asked the board what amount to impose on an unregistered crane from a company with a repeat civil penalty. The board chose to carry the same \$500 fee as long as it was not the same unregistered crane.

B. Crane regulations – Crane Board member Ed Shapiro submitted an update on how the (tower) crane/new regulations committee is proceeding.

Presently, there is a wait for the Department's legal staff to comment on how the state wants to stand on issues such as medical requirements for crane operators.

C. The Legal Advisor of DAS, Jenna Pedula, submitted various ways the Board could handle the process of addressing fraudulent licenses. Chairman St. John suggested that the wording of the drafts be more stringent and the penalty be increased from a civil penalty to a criminal offense. Tabled: Waiting on Legal Department's reply on comments from the Crane Board: to use more stringent wording and penalty.

4. New Business:

A & B. Crane and apprentice crane applications were reviewed by the Crane Board for compliance to the state regulations at this meeting. All reviewed at this meeting were approved.

5. Accidents: The State Crane Inspector submitted the process printed from the Department's Legal Staff regarding a hearing for an operator or other legal matter.

It was noted that we are only on Step 1 with the previous Danbury backhoe/fatal accident.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.