MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by John DeRosa, Jr., Acting Chairperson on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 9:07 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 Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator

Others Present: Gil LaClair, IUEC Local 91

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

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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the March 25, 2021 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted to approve as written. Board Member Dale Clayton abstained.

REVISION TO MEETING AGENDA:

The Board voted unanimously to make the following changes to today's meeting agenda:

- Addition of Agenda Item Old Business No. 2 Letter regarding safety concerns
- Revision to Agenda Item New Business No. 1 Revision to include all applications approved from January 1, 2021 to present
- Addition of Agenda Item New Business No. 2 Substitute House Bill No. 6100 -Public Act 21-37

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report submitted by the Investigations Division dated 3-01-21 to 4-30-21.

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.

No new action was taken on this agenda item.

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

A letter dated June 23, 2021 in response to this safety concern was drafted and reviewed by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to allow DCP to send this letter to Darren Hobbs, Bureau of Elevators, and to copy Timothy Murphy, Bureau of Elevators, and Governor Ned Lamont.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed the application report including applications approved from January 1, 2021 to June 21, 2021. The Board voted unanimously to approve John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth to review the applications and related documentation on this report in person at Office of the Department of Consumer Protection with Director Richard Hurlburt.

2. Substitute House Bill No. 6100 - Public Act 21-37 - An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement, Antitrust Issues, and the Palliative Use of Marijuana and Revisions to the Liquor Control Act

The link to this bill is as follows: https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00037-R00HB-06100-PA.PDF

Discussion took place regarding changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the right to cancel timeframe prior to performing work.

Several Board members expressed their concern relating to certain work performed by elevator licensees such as jobs that require the work to be done immediately and jobs that may be related to a medical emergency, such as entrapments, or limiting persons with disabilities from being able to access various parts of the home for a period of time due to the three day right to cancel requirement on such written contract prior to start of work.

The Board requested that Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Manager, attend the next Board meeting taking place on September 23, 2021 for further discussion on these changes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

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