

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson John DeRosa on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present: John R. DeRosa, Jr., Elevator Craftsman,
Acting Chairperson
Paul Farnsworth, Unlimited Contractor
Peter Kalousdian, Unlimited Contractor
Dale Clayton, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas O'Reilly, Unlimited Contractor
Michael Griffin, Elevator Craftsman
Todd Johnston, Public Member

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: Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator

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 December 12, 2019 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

Janita Hamel was in attendance to provide an overview of two complaint reports covering the period of 11-01-19 to 2-29-20.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Stair Lift Technician License

The Board determined that a subcommittee will be formed to review current regulations and training requirements for the RSL license, and make recommendation for proposed changes. Proposed changes will be brought to the Elevator Work Examining Board regular meetings, and then submitted to the Department. Board Members John DeRosa, Paul Farnsworth and Dale Clayton volunteered to be subcommittee members.

Also reviewed were the following documents:

- Roster of current active RSL licensees
- Stannah Stairlift Curriculum Outlines

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 today's 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.

3. Application Review Working Group

The Board requests that DCP allow them to have an Application Review Working Group as some of the other boards have. A discussion took place regarding which applications the Board would request to have reviewed at the Application Review Working Group meetings and the following was determined:

It was determined that the following applications do not need to come before this working group if established:

- Unlimited Journeyman License Applications submitted by applicants that have a State of Connecticut apprenticeship completion letter and notarized statements from an unlimited contractor with the dates and duties of employment including not less than four years.
- Limited Journeyman License Applications submitted by applicants that have a State of Connecticut apprenticeship completion letter and notarized statements from a limited contractor with the dates and duties of employment including not less than two years.

All other applications that do not meet these criteria should come before the Working Group.

The Board requests that they have two members attend, contrary to one member as the other application working groups have. The Board appointed John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth, with Peter Kalousdian as the alternate, to attend the Application Review Working Group meetings for review of the applications going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

After review and discussion, the Board determined that Raised Bill No. 269, if passed, would compromise the current minimum safety standards of the elevator and escalator inspections by allowing potentially less qualified independent inspectors and independent inspection firms to perform acceptance inspections, periodic inspections, and plan review of new elevator installations. In short, 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 requests that DCP send notice to the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Board's opposition. The Board noted that this notice should be sent to the Public Safety and Security Committee as soon as possible. In addition, the Board voted unanimously to authorize John DeRosa to deliver this

correspondence to Public Safety and Security Committee if DCP is unable to do so in a timely manner.

2. PSI Exam Report

Board so noted.

All applications are currently being reviewed by DCP staff without assistance of the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- June 18
- September 24
- December 10

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.