

EXAMINING BOARD FOR CRANE OPERATORS

Special Meeting

Friday, January 19, 2024 – 3:00pm

Virtual meeting via Teams

MINUTES

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nate Brown at 3:02pm.

Attending:

Nate Brown, Board Chairman
William Abbott, Board Member
Duane Gates, Board Member
Keith Murphy, Board Member

Ed Shapiro, Board Member
Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector
Anne Bonito, License & Applications Analyst

New Business

- Special meeting held to consider Marguerite Concrete's proposal to lower civil penalties.
- E. Henowitz summarized background: Marguerite Concrete was assessed two civil penalties (\$500 each) – one for unlicensed crane operation, and one for operation of an unregistered crane. Days later, Marguerite Concrete committed the same two violations and was assessed two additional \$500 penalties, bringing the total owed to \$2000.
- Marguerite Concrete has proposed that the Board reduce the civil penalty from \$2000 to \$1000.
- K. Murphy and D. Gates both reported speaking with representatives of Marguerite Concrete and confirmed Marguerite Concrete's awareness of noncompliance on both days in question (and that the same unlicensed person was operating the unregistered crane). Marguerite Concrete does not dispute any of the four violations.
- N. Brown asked E. Henowitz if there has been negotiation of civil penalty amounts in the past. E. Henowitz answered no.
- Motion made by K. Murphy to have the total civil penalty amount remain at \$2000. Motion seconded by E. Shapiro. Motion passed unanimously.
- A. Bonito and E. Henowitz will draft a letter to notify Marguerite Concrete of the Board's decision and will email it to Chairman Nate Brown for his signature next week.

Public Comment

No members of the public attending

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by E. Shapiro, seconded by N. Brown. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next meeting (regular):

2:00pm, Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Plaza North Meeting Room E
450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT

Respectfully submitted 1/19/24 by Anne Bonito