

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Acting Chairperson Paul Farnsworth on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Paul Farnsworth, Unlimited Contractor
Thomas O'Reilly, Unlimited Contractor
Todd Johnston, Public Member

Members Absent: John R. DeRosa, Jr., Elevator Craftsman,
Acting Chairperson
Michael Griffin, Elevator Craftsman
Peter Kalousdian, Unlimited Contractor
Dale Clayton, 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: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
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

MOTION TO APPOINT TEMPORARY ACTING CHAIRPERSON FOR TODAY'S MEETING

In the absence of Acting Chairperson John DeRosa, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Board Member Paul Farnsworth as the Acting Chairperson for today's meeting.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the June 18, 2020 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

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 06/01/20 to 8/31/20. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance for review of this report and discussion.

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.

This item was tabled to the December 10, 2020 meeting.

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 the March 12, 2020 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.

This item was tabled to the December 10, 2020 meeting.

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

At the March 12, 2020 meeting, the Board determined that 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 requested that DCP send notice to the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Board's opposition.

At the June 18, 2020 meeting, the Board requested that the Department follow up on this request. It was noted that the Department's Board staff will draft an email and forward the minutes approved today and point out within the minutes this section of concern above to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. The email was sent on June 22, 2020 and Leslie O'Brien responded on June 29, 2020. This email correspondence was available for the Board's review at today's meeting.

This item was tabled to the December 10, 2020 meeting.

4. Application Review Working Group

At the March 12, 2020 meeting, the Board requested that DCP allow them to have an Application Review Working Group as some of the other occupational licensing boards have.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed the application report including applicants approved from June 6, 2020 to September 22, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- December 10